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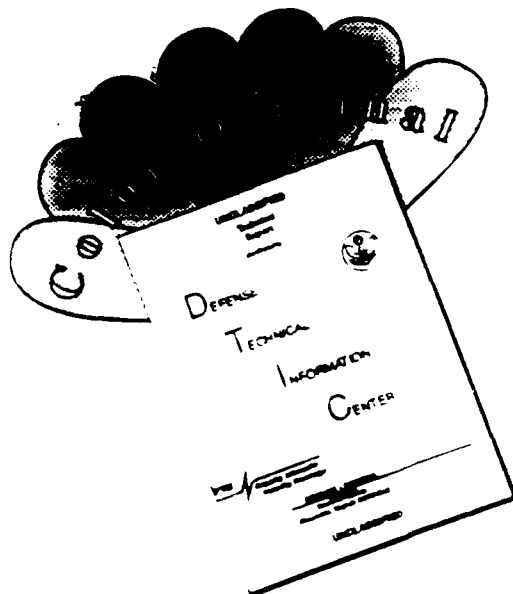
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## Nomenclature

$bte$	fin trailing edge span
$c$	submarine chord (length)
$cr$	fin root chord
$ct$	fin tip chord
$C_l$	roll moment coefficient, body axes, $L/qc^3$
$C_m$	pitching moment coefficient, body axes, $M/qc^3$
$C_n$	yaw moment coefficient, body axes, $N/qc^3$
$C_x$	axial force coefficient, body axes, $X/qc^2$
$C_y$	normal or side force coefficient, body axes, $Y/qc^2$
$C_z$	vertical force coefficient, body axes, $Z/qc^2$
$d$	submarine diameter
$D_h$	horizontal diameter (submarine width)
$D_v$	vertical diameter (submarine height)
$L$	roll moment, body axes
$M$	pitching moment, body axes
$N$	yaw moment, body axes
$p$	free-stream pressure
$q$	dynamic pressure, $(1/2)\rho U_\infty^2$
$Re$	chord Reynolds number, $\rho U_\infty c/\mu$

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$R_1$	primary reattachment
$R_2$	secondary reattachment
$S_{ref}$	reference area
$S_1$	primary separation
$S_2$	secondary separation
$tr$	fin root thickness
$U_\infty$	free-stream velocity
$x$	longitudinal distance along submarine from nose
$xr$	fin chord ordinate, referenced from trailing edge
$X$	axial force, body axes
$Y$	normal or side force, body axes
$Z$	vertical force, body axes
$\beta$	sideslip angle.
$\phi$	angular location around cross section measured from windward side
$\rho$	fluid density

## Introduction

Turning maneuvers of submarines result in crossflow separation that generates large hydrodynamic forces and moments that substantially oppose the maneuver. The separation of a simple axisymmetric body is very complex in nature. The addition of appendages, such as a sail and tail control surfaces in the case of the submarine, further complicates the flow field and submarine design. Understanding these flow field interactions is paramount to improving vehicle performance and design capabilities. Presently, computational methods slowly continue to improve the designer's ability to

account for these complexities. However, much experimental data is still needed in order to guide further computational developments. Such data is presented herein.

The data presented in this report supplements the data found in Wetzel and Simpson (1992a, 1992b, 1993) and Wetzel, Simpson, and Liapis (1993).

### **Previous Research**

Axisymmetric bodies yawed to the freestream flow, like submarines in a turning maneuver, produce large amounts of vortical separation. Bushnell and Donaldson (1990) note that vortical flow affects acoustic and non-acoustic stealth, propulsion efficiency and body drag, control effectiveness, and maneuverability. The focus of this report is on maneuverability.

This separation is dominated by the crossflow component of the flow velocity. Figure 1 shows typical flow structures in such a crossflow separation (Ahn and Simpson, 1992). For circular cylindrical bodies at  $15^\circ$  sideslip, the crossflow usually separates near  $\phi = 105^\circ$  (Poll, 1985).

These flows are highly sensitive to Reynolds number effects (Bushnell and Donaldson 1990). Ahn and Simpson (1992) have studied the vortical flow on a prolate spheroid at angle of attack, which is similar to the submarine at yaw. In such a case, the primary separation location is largely dependent on the state of the boundary layer (laminar, transitional, or turbulent), which is a function of Reynolds number (Ahn and Simpson, 1992). For high Reynolds number flows or flows with boundary layer transition fixed such that the boundary layer is turbulent at separation, Ahn shows that the separation line dependency on Reynolds number is greatly reduced. The separation line no longer changes much circumferentially, but gradually extends upstream on the body with an increase in Reynolds number (Ahn and Simpson, 1992)

Ahn also studied the effects of angle of attack on the primary separation line. At increasing angle of attack, the separation line moves farther towards the leeside and farther upstream on the body (Ahn and Simpson, 1992).

Wetzel and Simpson (1992a, 1992b, 1993) and Wetzel, Simpson, and Liapis (1993) have extended these studies to a submarine-like configuration. The crossflow separation was studied on a 688 class submarine in a sideslip and many of the same flow features described by Ahn and Simpson were found. At a Reynolds number of 6.8 million with the boundary layer tripped, both primary and secondary separation lines were observed at 15° sideslip. In addition, the separation off the sail was found to greatly influence the flow field. This sail separation forced the separation line immediately aft of the sail to be located at the sail trailing edge, regardless of angle of sideslip. This in turn was found to introduce relatively large out-of-plane forces and moments. Wetzel and Simpson (1992a, 1992b, 1993) and Wetzel, Simpson, and Liapis (1993) also showed that vortex generators could be used very effectively to control this separation.

## **Experimental Apparatus**

### **The Wind Tunnel**

All tests were performed in the VPI&SU Stability Wind Tunnel. This continuous, closed return, subsonic wind tunnel has a 25 ft. long, 6 x 6 ft. square interchangeable test section. The tunnel has a flow speed range of 0-220 ft/s and a maximum unit Reynolds number of  $1.33 \times 10^6$  per foot. The tunnel is powered by a 600 hp DC motor which turns a 14 ft diameter prop. The flow is directed through screens and a 9:1 contraction with a very low-turbulence intensity of around 0.03%. The tunnel allows force and moment measurements to be taken from either a strut or sting mounted strain gauge balance. The sting was selected for its lower interference with the flow and its higher ranges of force and moment measurements.



### The Submarine Model

A 1/48 scale Los Angeles class (688) submarine model (Scale Shipyard, 1991) was built (Figure 2). The model is nominally 90.25" long and has a nominal 8.25" maximum diameter. The model structure consists of a fiberglass skin mated to an aluminum skeleton. The propeller was not modeled, but rear control surfaces were modeled. The towed array housing, sail diving planes and sail were all modeled. The black body surface was marked with a white grid spaced every 4" in the longitudinal direction and every 45° in the circumferential direction. When the model was in the tunnel, all mounting holes were filled with red vacuum wax and/or plaster.

To trip the flow, posts 21 mils high, 0.1" center to center, and 0.05" in diameter were placed around the nose at  $x/c=0.044$  and along the length of the model at  $\pm 45^\circ$  from the windward side of the model to act as trip strips (Smith, 1989). The trip strips were placed on the nose to guarantee tripped boundary layers at low angles of sideslip, while the longitudinal trips were effective for higher angles of sideslip. The trip strips were also placed on the sail and all control surfaces. Previous tests (Wetzel and Simpson, 1992, 1993) indicated little Re dependence from  $Re = 4.6$  million to 8.8 million, so the trip strips were effective.

To simulate a turning maneuver, the model was placed in a sideslip. The model was mounted in the tunnel on its side in order to utilize the adjustable angle of attack feature of the strut-mounted sting (Figure 3). The towed array was placed on the windward side, so a left turn was modeled. Sideslip angles of up to 15° were simulated. For the various force and moments test, the various submarine components (sail, tail appendages) were systematically removed in order to test the aerodynamic dependence on the configuration (Figure 4).

## Instrumentation and Experimental Techniques

### Forces and Moments

A six-component strain gauge balance made by the Transducer Systems Division of Modern Machine and Tool, Inc., of Newport News, Virginia, was used for the force and moment measurements. All data were collected with a Hewlett-Packard Model 3052 data acquisition unit. Each reading was the average of 50 values. The data are reported in body axes with the moments taken about the quarter chord of the sail (Figure 5). Runs were made for wind tunnel speeds of 150 ft/s (Reynolds number of 6.84 million) and at sideslip angles of 0 to 15°. The uncertainties were estimated at 20:1 odds to be  $\delta C_x = \pm 0.0002$ ,  $\delta C_y = \pm 0.0004$ ,  $\delta C_z = \pm 0.0005$ ,  $\delta C_l = \pm 0.00002$ ,  $\delta C_m = \pm 0.0001$ , and  $\delta C_n = \pm 0.0002$ .

### Oil Flows

A primary diagnostic for these tests was surface oil flow visualization. The oil flow mixture consisted of titanium dioxide ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ) as a pigment, kerosene for the solvent, and oleic acid to prevent coagulation or lumping of the  $\text{TiO}_2$ . The mixture is made by adding 40 ml of sifted, unpacked  $\text{TiO}_2$  to a 100 ml graduated cylinder. Kerosene is added up to the 100 ml mark, and 5 ml of Oleic acid is added on top of that. Several variations of this mixture were tried during the first couple runs, and the quality of the runs was found to be relatively insensitive to small changes from this recipe. The mixtures are then thoroughly stirred and transferred to a pail. A sponge brush is used to apply a coat of the mixture to the model. Brush strokes are made normal to the expected flow direction so that brush marks are not later misinterpreted as skin friction lines.

After the tunnel is turned on and the oil mixture is almost entirely dry, the tunnel is turned off. The oil flows are recorded by photographing the model in sections and from different peripheral orientations. Also, separation locations are directly measured off the

model surface and recorded. After carefully recording the flow separation location, the dried mixture is then cleaned off with kerosene.

Lines of separation are indicated by converging surface skin friction line patterns. The peripheral angle separation location  $\phi$  is measured from the windward side, counter-clockwise facing the model (Figure 1). The indicated  $\phi$  is probably premature for two reasons. The oil flow mixture is drawn down (towards the windward side) due to gravitational effects, and the oil flow mixture itself initiates separation earlier than would occur on a clean surface. Simpson et. al. (1992) have shown that these effects can add errors of up to  $-5^\circ$  for a similar flow at  $30^\circ$  angle of attack to the free-stream flow. No attempts were made to correct any of the present data. The locations were measured by placing a flexible ruler on the model surface and measuring the separation location relative to a grid line. This measurement technique has an uncertainty of  $\pm 1^\circ$ . It is estimated that uncertainties due to the sometimes subjective nature of exactly selecting the separation location in a difficult to read oil flow is on the order of  $\pm 2^\circ$ .

It can be very difficult to determine exactly the streamwise location where separation begins. Separation lines are located at converging skin friction lines in the oil flow pattern. Simpson et al. (1992) have proposed, as a rule of thumb, that the point where the angle of incidence of converging skin friction lines is smallest but positive be interpreted as the start of open separation. Downstream of this location the skin friction lines on each side of the separation line intersect the separation line at a sharp finite angle.

## Experimental Results

### Forces and Moments

Figure 6 shows the variations of the forces and moments with sideslip angle for the body alone, the body plus sail, the body plus tail, and the body plus sail and tail. The in-plane forces and moments ( $C_x$ ,  $C_y$  and  $C_n$ ) are the ones directly affected the sideslip angle. The side force  $C_y$  and yaw moment  $C_n$  both vary relatively linearly with sideslip

angle. The tail surprisingly has little effect on the yaw moment, but the sail increases the yaw moment slope significantly. The sail and tail together result in slightly lower  $C_n$  at high sideslip angles when compared to the body and sail combination.

The tail does significantly increase the side force  $C_y$ , and once again the sail has an even more pronounced effect. Together, the sail and tail combine for the highest side force.

The axial force plot is much less smooth. It is noted that the axial force is necessarily going to carry the largest errors due to the lack of a complete tail and sting interference. It is clear from the plots, however, that as expected adding the sail and tail increase the axial force.

The out-of-plane forces and moments also experience interesting trends. Both the vertical force  $C_z$  and the pitching moment  $C_m$  are practically zero for the body and body/tail configurations. However, the addition of the sail results in significant vertical force and pitching moment at high sideslip angles. The roll moment is also relatively small for the body and body/tail configurations, but the addition of the sail results in a negative roll component. In addition, the sail and tail combined result in very complex roll interactions.

## Oil Flows

Oil flows were performed on the body alone at sideslip angles from  $5^\circ$  to  $20^\circ$ . Photographs of these oil flows can be found in Appendix I. At  $5^\circ$ , no separation was clear enough to record. Figure 7, however, shows the primary separation lines for the body at  $10^\circ$  sideslip. It is important to note that the body alone was not purely symmetrical as the top of the model still had the towed array housing. Therefore, the separation lines for the top and bottom of the submarine should be expected to be slightly different. At  $10^\circ$  sideslip the flow separates at about  $130^\circ$  near the nose and closer to  $95^\circ$  near the tail. Figure 8 (Wetzel, Simpson and Liapis, 1993) shows previously taken data for the body

with the sail. It is clear that the separation line on the sail side is much closer to  $90^\circ$  immediately aft of the sail but climbs as high as  $135^\circ$  for much of the length of the body.

At  $15^\circ$  sideslip (Figure 9) there is also a secondary separation line at about  $150^\circ$ . The primary separation line occurs several degrees sooner at  $15^\circ$  sideslip than it does at  $10^\circ$ . Once again, Figure 10 shows previously taken data for the body with the sail, and the primary separation line on the sail side is just past  $\phi=90^\circ$  immediately aft of the sail. This primary separation line eventually climbs to  $\phi=110^\circ$  farther downstream of the sail. At  $20^\circ$  sideslip (Figure 10), the flow is again very similar to the flow at  $15^\circ$  sideslip.

### Conclusions

The effect of submarine configuration on the aerodynamic forces and moments was studied. It was found that the sail affects the in-plane forces and moments more than the tail appendages do. It was also found that the sail introduces significant out-of-plane forces and moments.

Oil flows were performed on the body alone. Separation was hard to distinguish at  $5^\circ$  sideslip, but primary separation lines were located at  $10^\circ$  sideslip. At both  $15^\circ$  and  $20^\circ$  sideslip, both primary and secondary separation lines were located. As expected, the separation lines moved towards the windward side as sideslip angle was increased.

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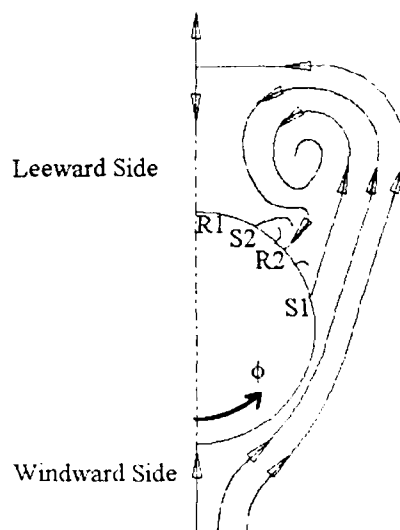


Figure 1. Crossflow separation (Ahn, 1992). This half-cross-section of the submarine shows the important flow phenomena. The addition of vortex generators delays separation (S1 and S2) farther around the leeward side of the submarine. Primary separation (S1) is the flow phenomenon discussed in this report.

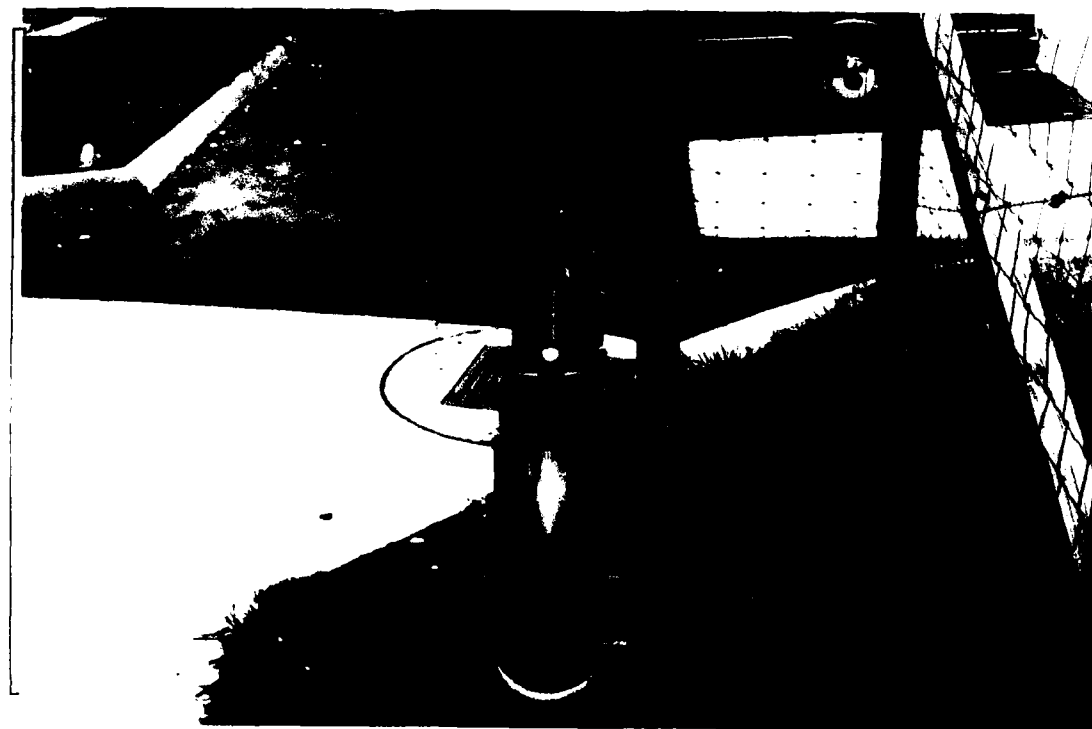


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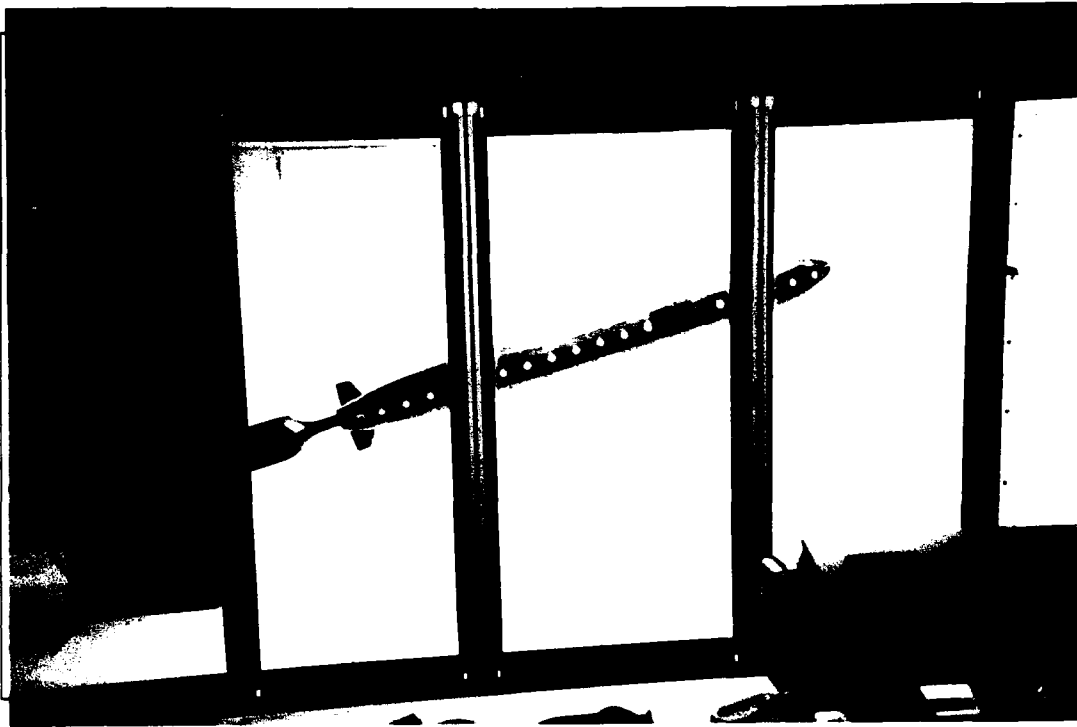


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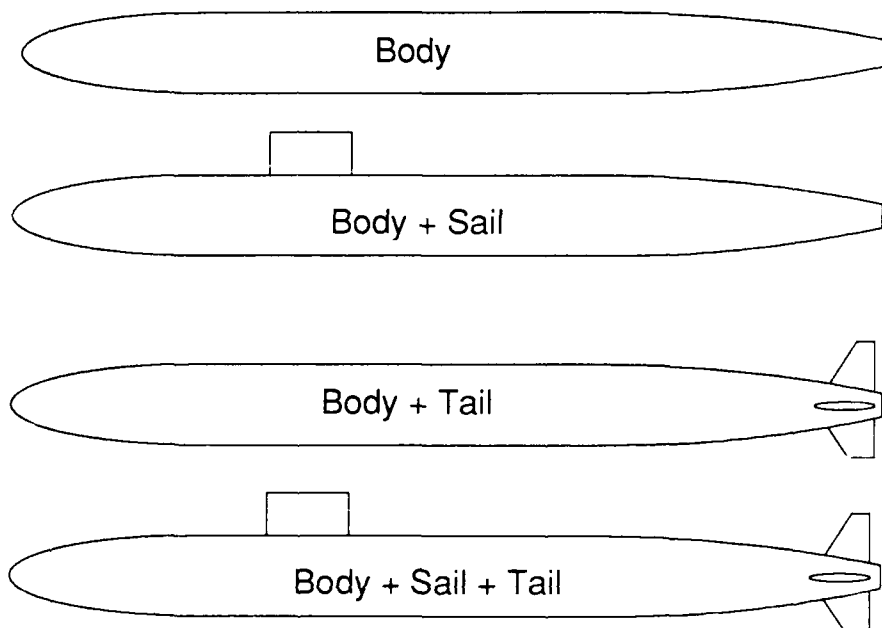


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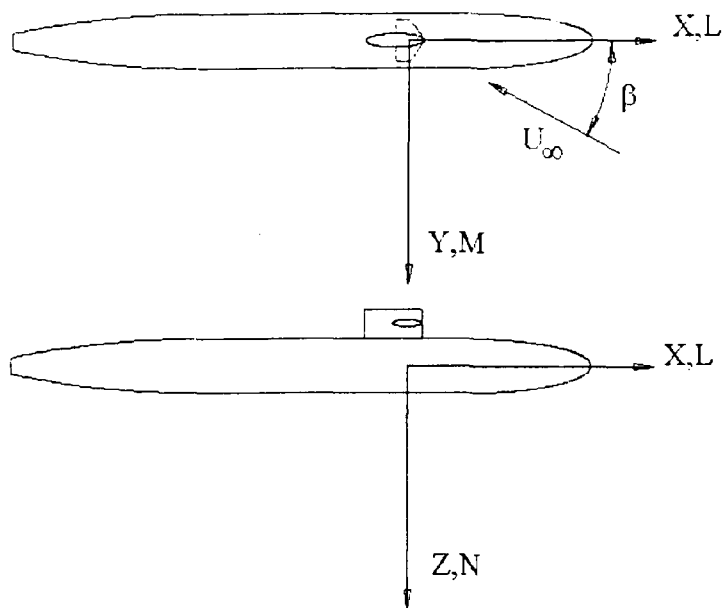


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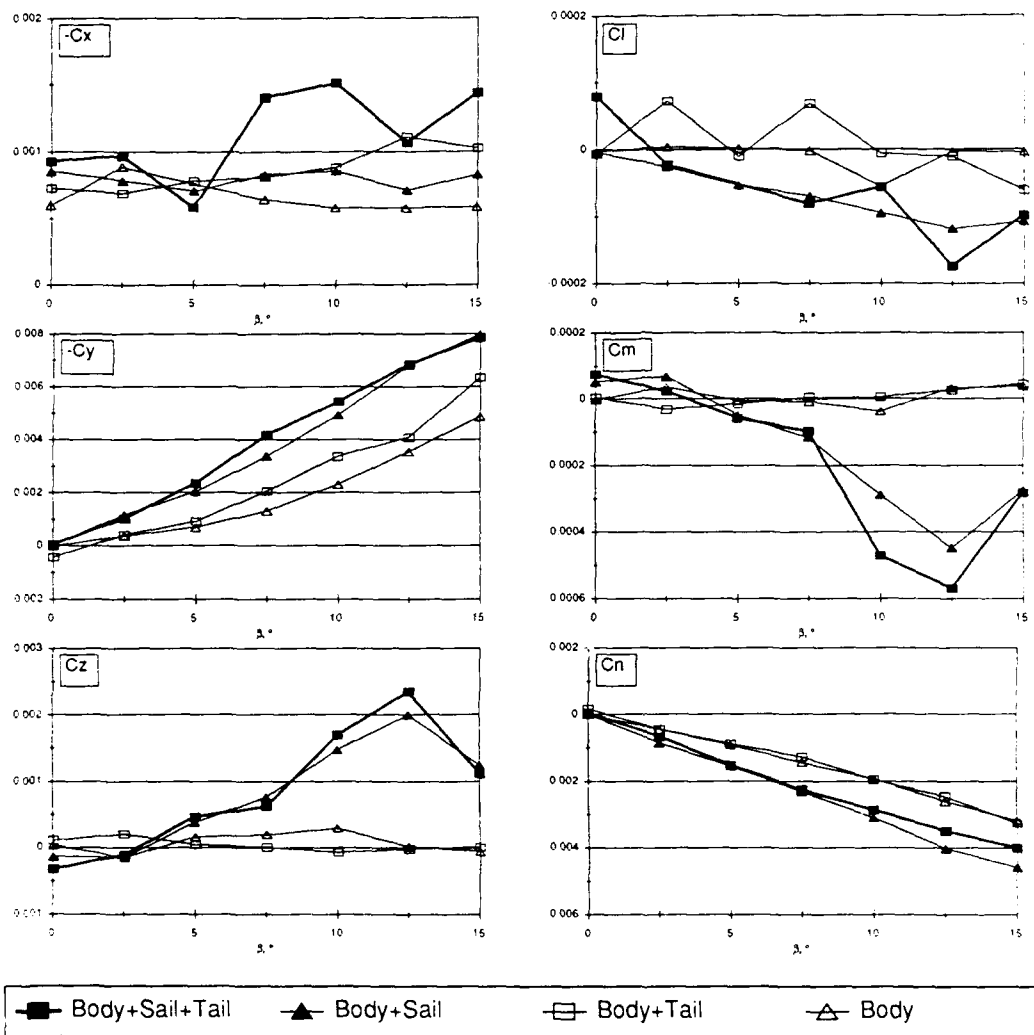


Figure 6. Forces and moments acting on different submarine configurations.  $Re = 6.8$  million. Lines for visual aid only.

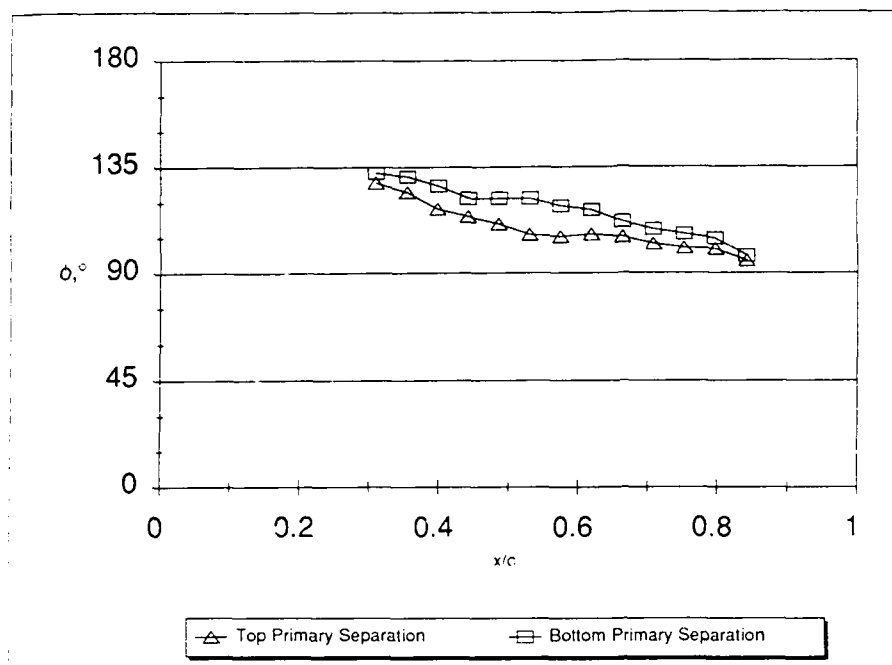


Figure 7. Primary separation lines for the model without appendages at  $10^\circ$  sideslip.  $Re = 6.8$  million.

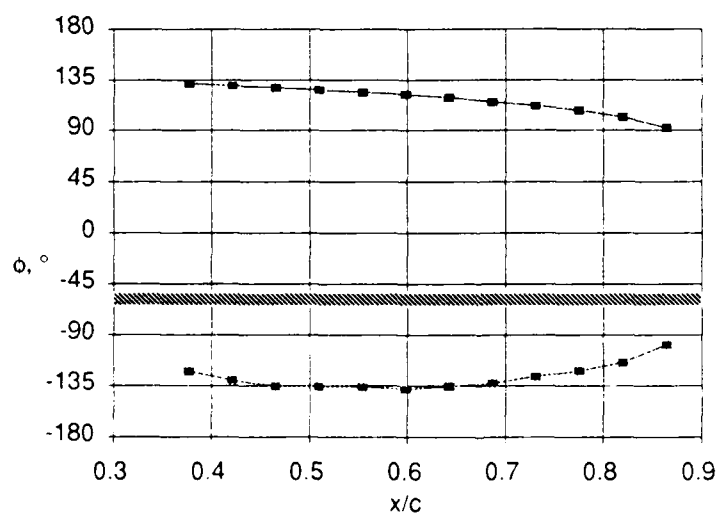


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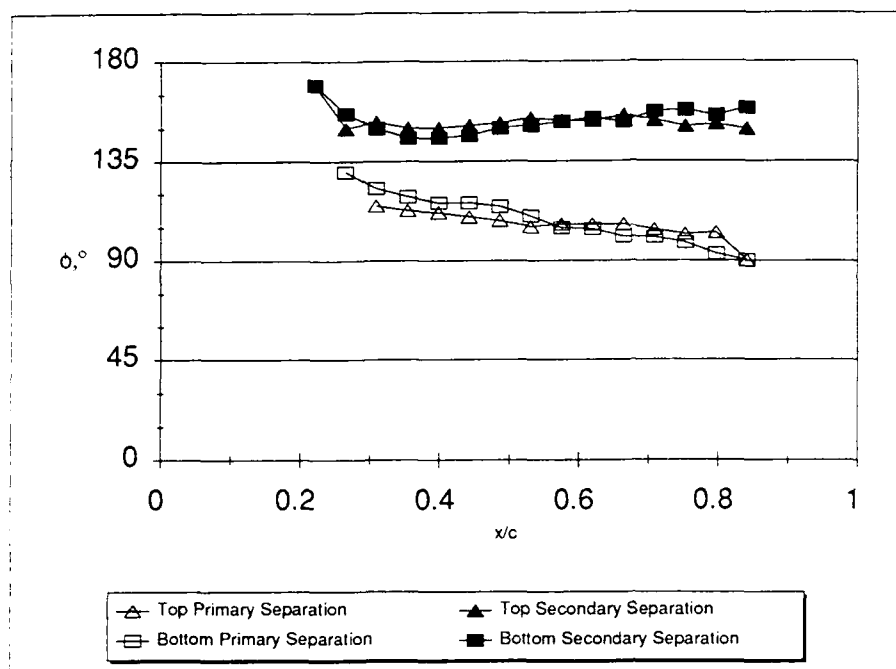


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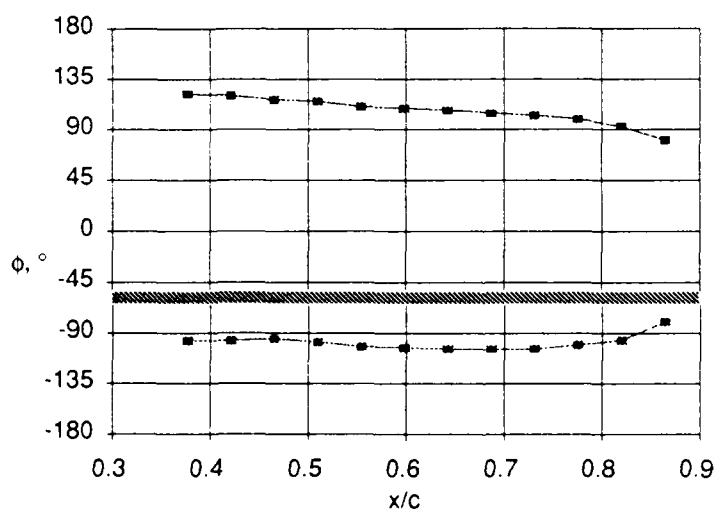


Figure 10. Separation line for body plus tail,  $Re = 6.8$  million,  $\beta = 15^\circ$ . Shaded bar represents towed array housing. Taken from Wetzel, Simpson, and Liapis (1993).

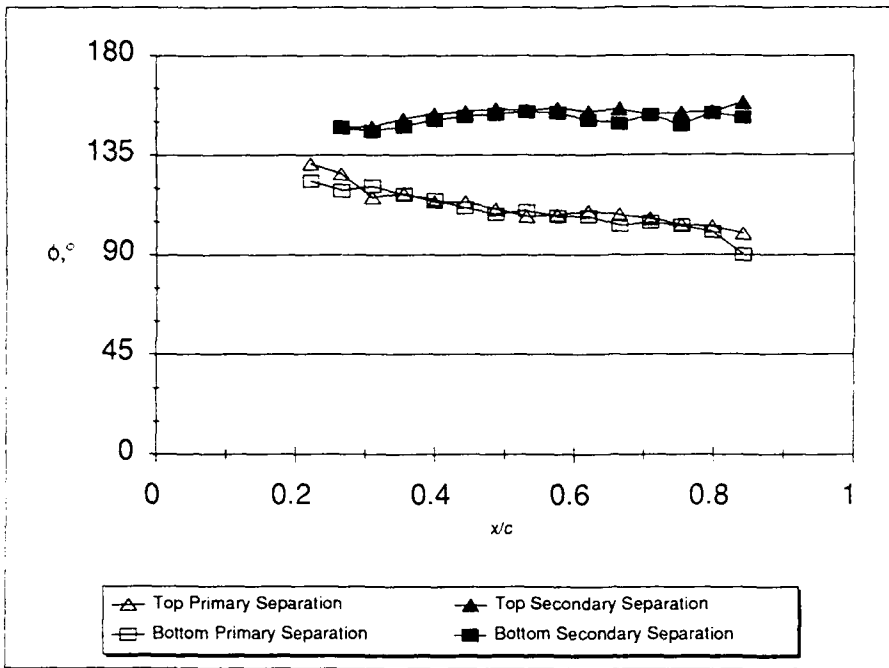


Figure 11. Primary and Secondary separation lines for the model without appendages at  $20^\circ$  sideslip.

## Appendix I - Oil Flow Photographs

The following photographs document the oil flows performed in this study. The photographs were taken on each side of the leeward side at about  $45^\circ$  off vertical. All oil flows were done at a Reynolds number of 6.8 million. In this study, only the body and towed array housing were modeled. The tail appendages and sail were removed. The captions list the range in inches of the visible circumferential grid lines in each photo. The longitudinal gridline in the middle of each of the photographs corresponds to  $\phi = \pm 135^\circ$ .

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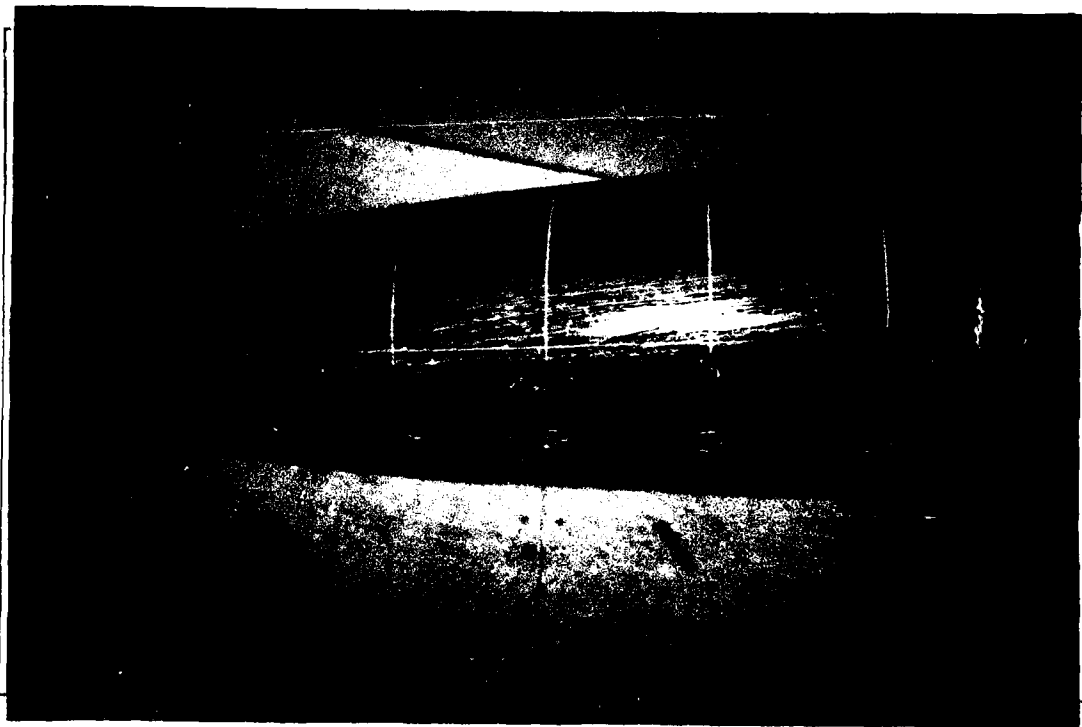


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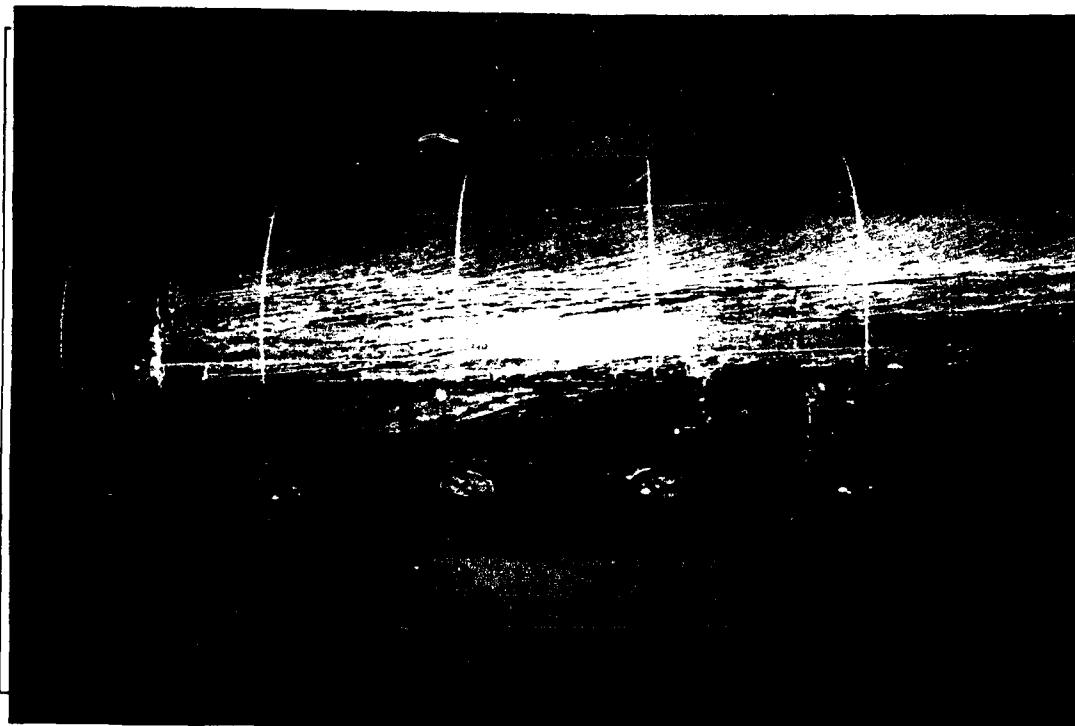


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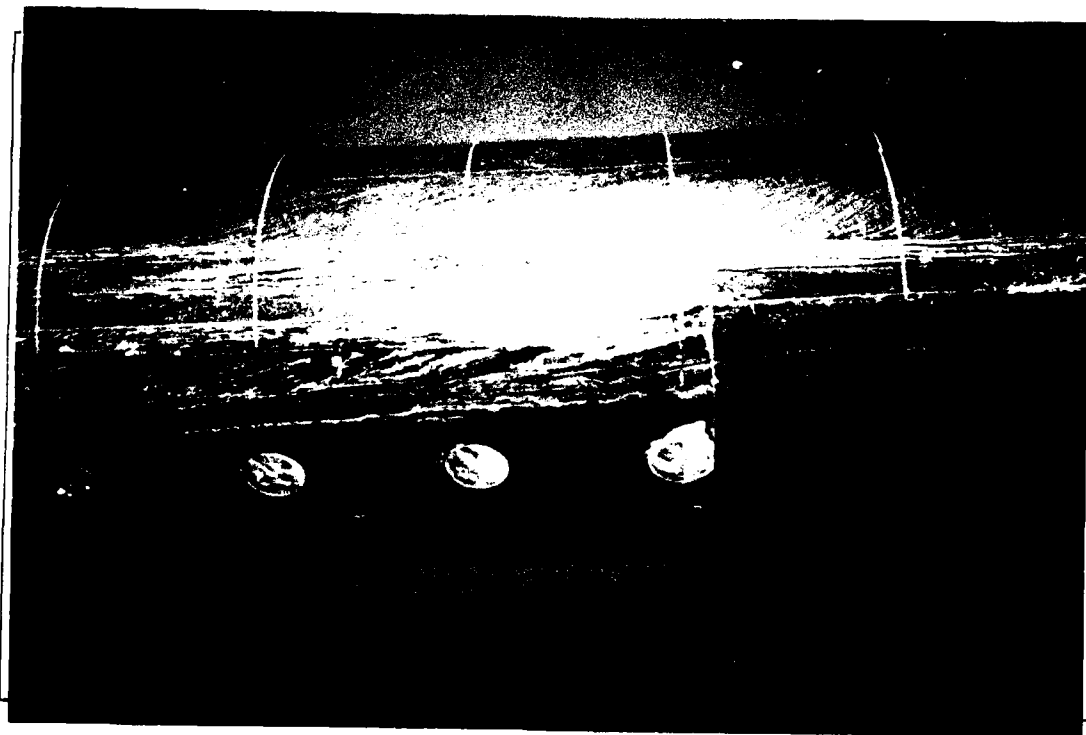


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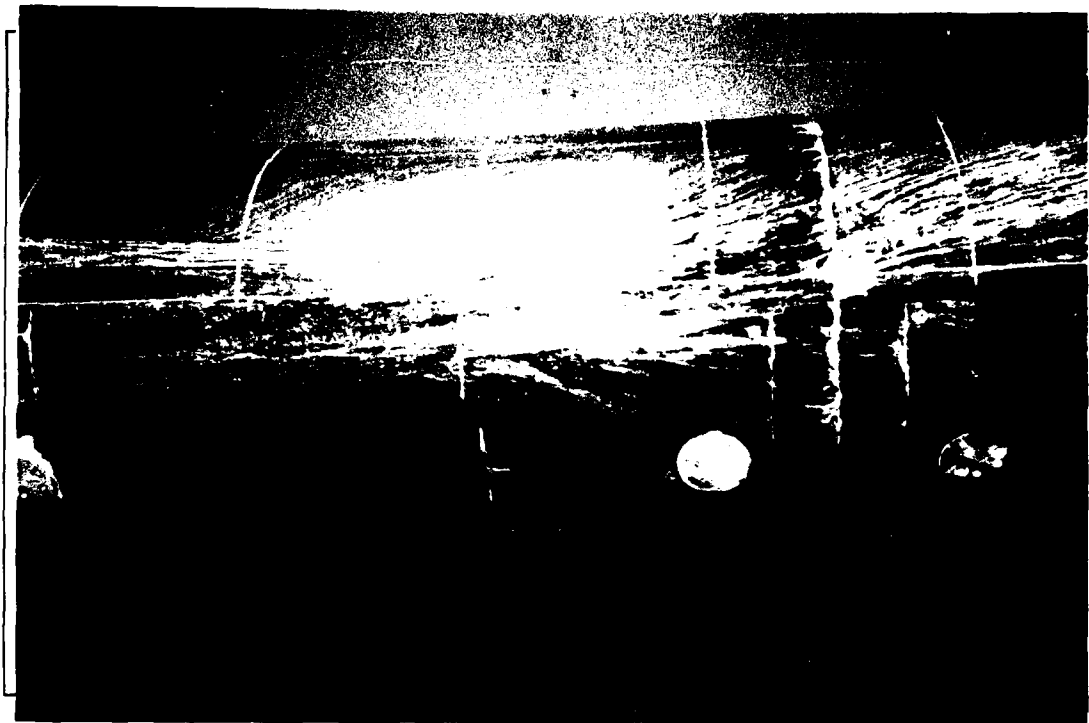


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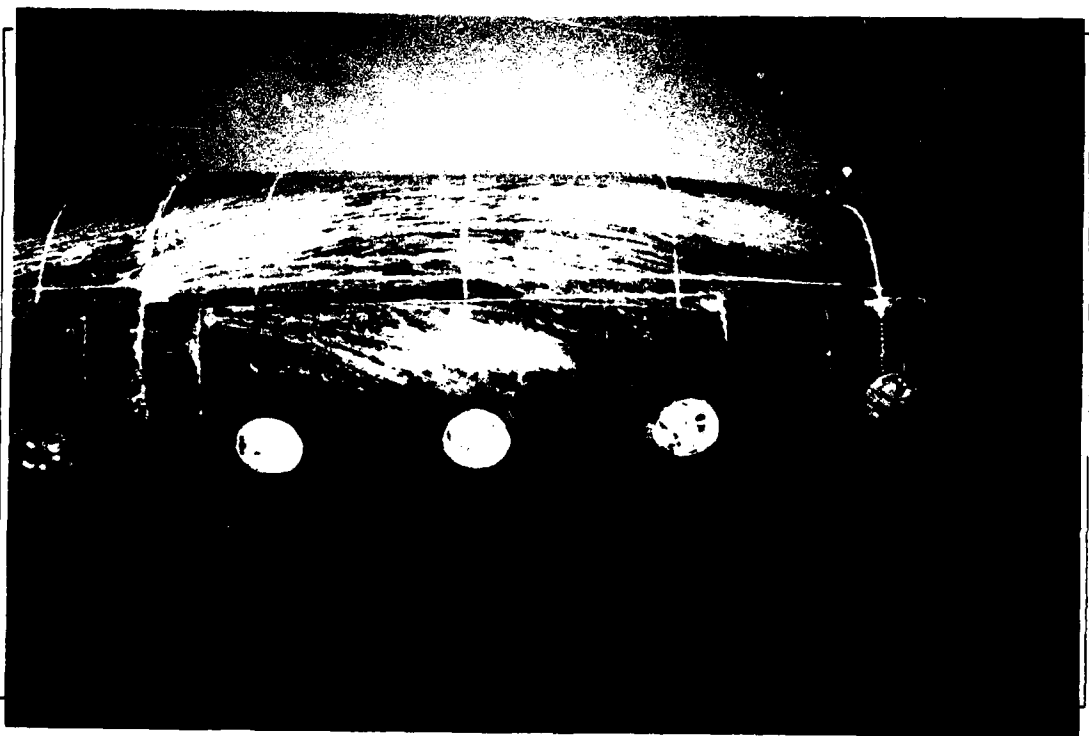


Figure A5.  $x = 0''$  to  $x = 20''$ .



$\beta=20^\circ$ , Bottom of Submarine.

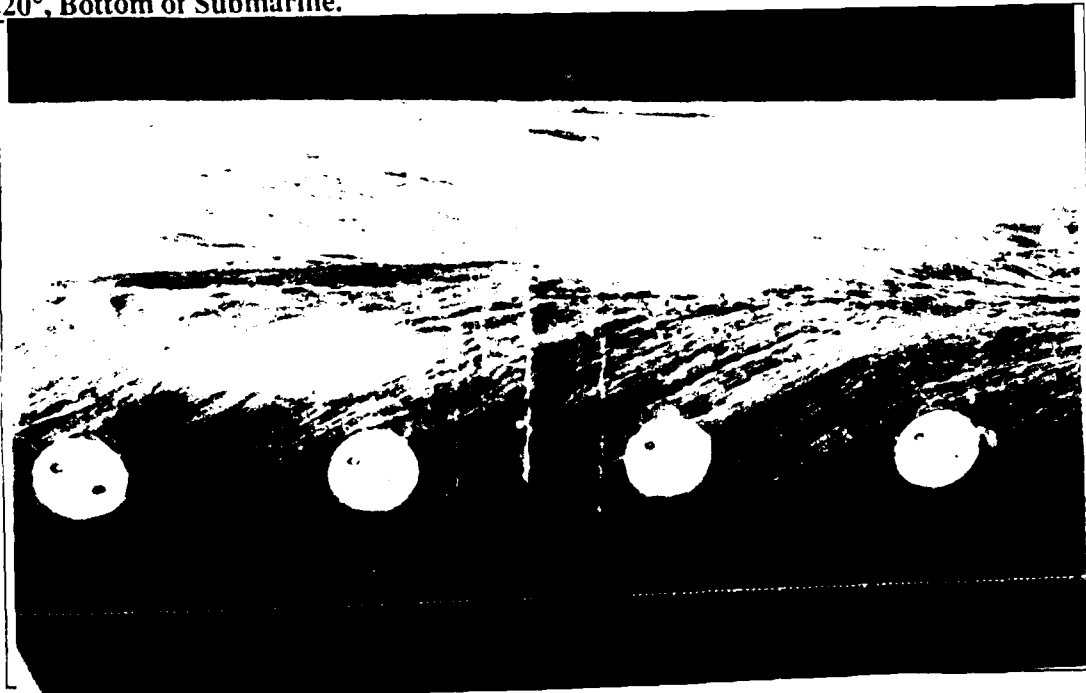


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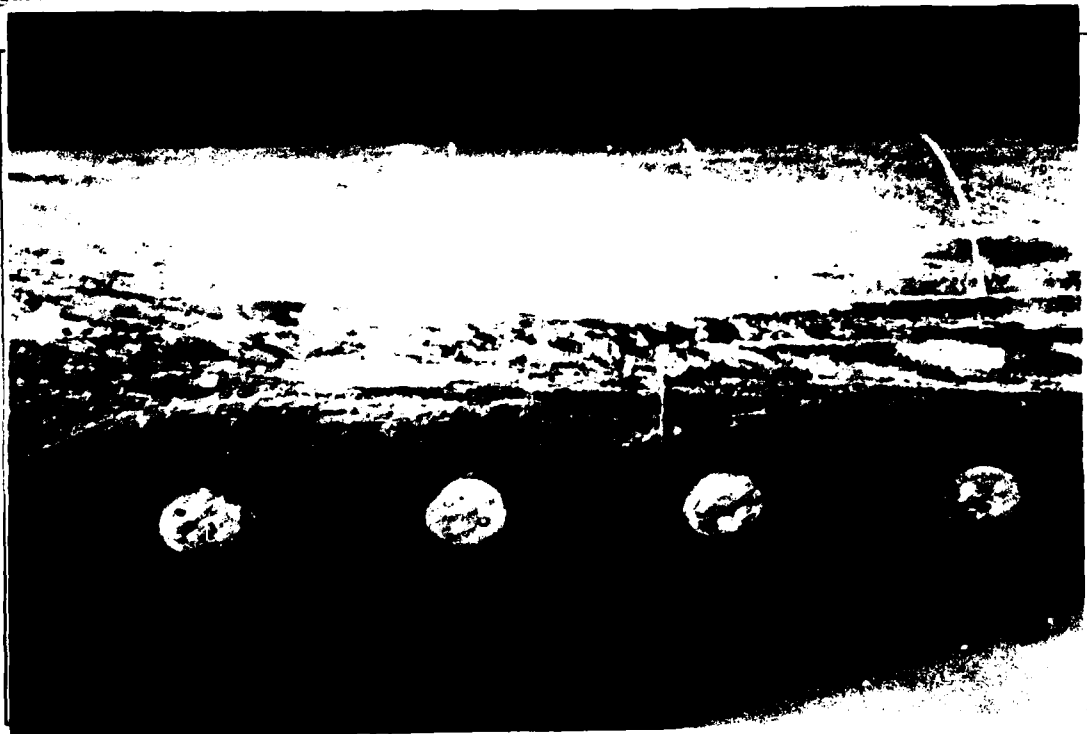


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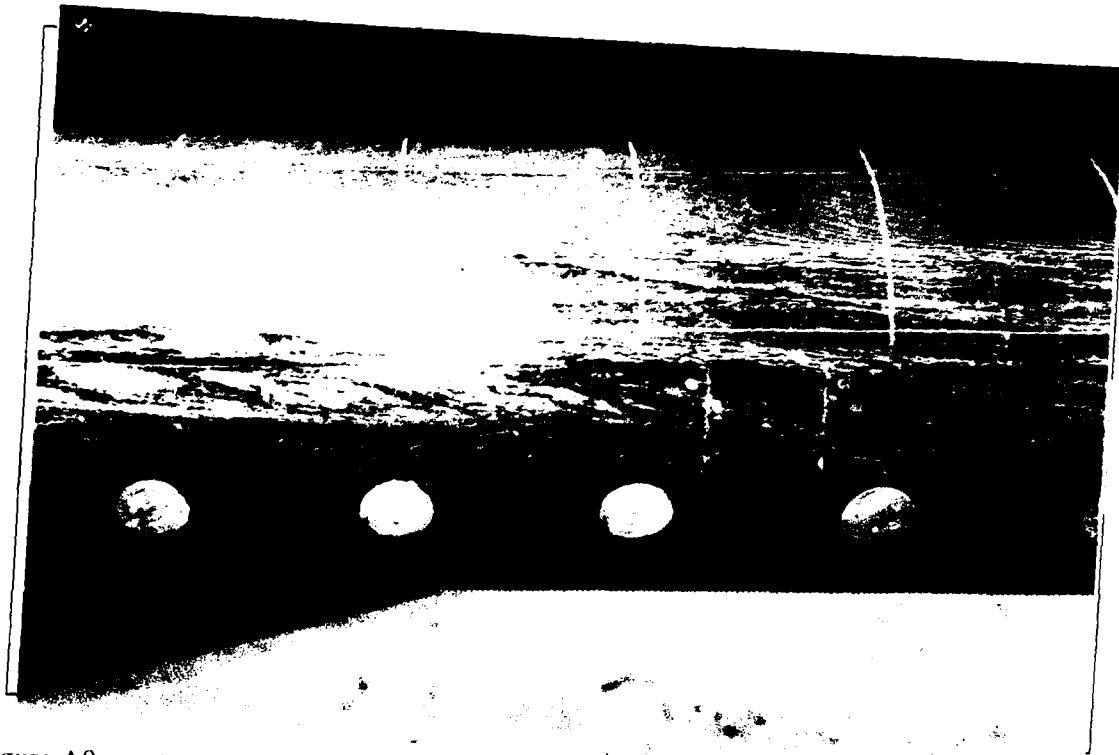


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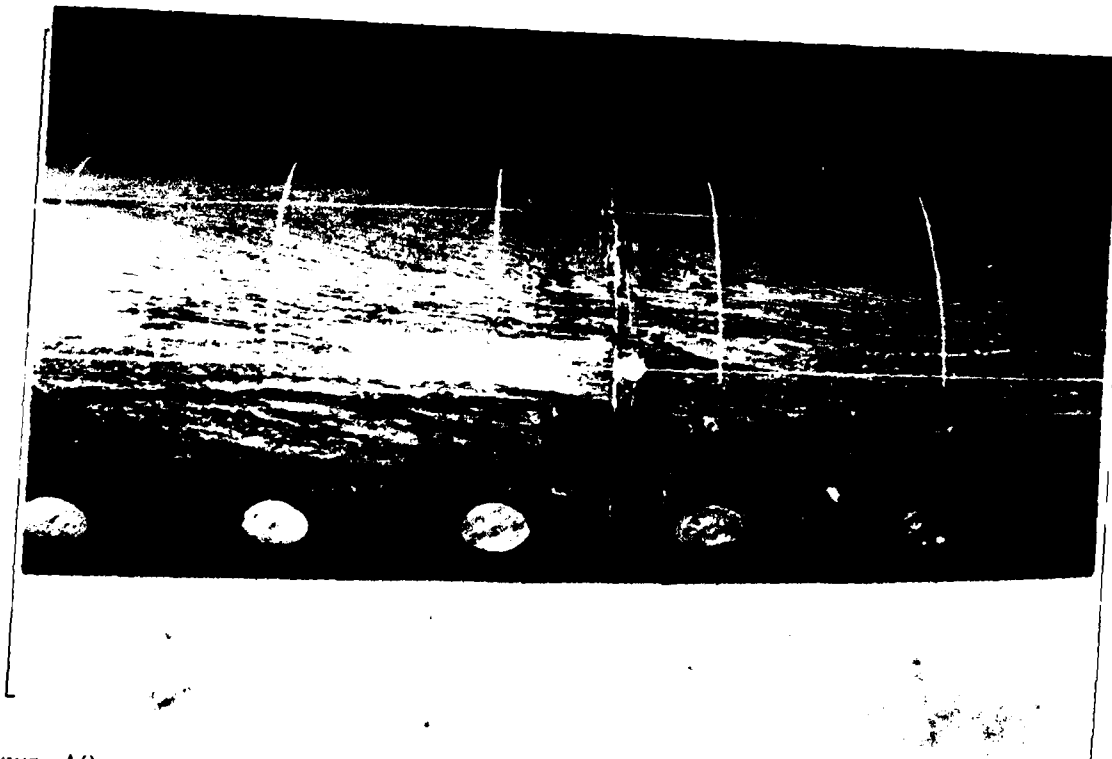


Figure A9.  $x = 48''$  to  $x = 64''$ .

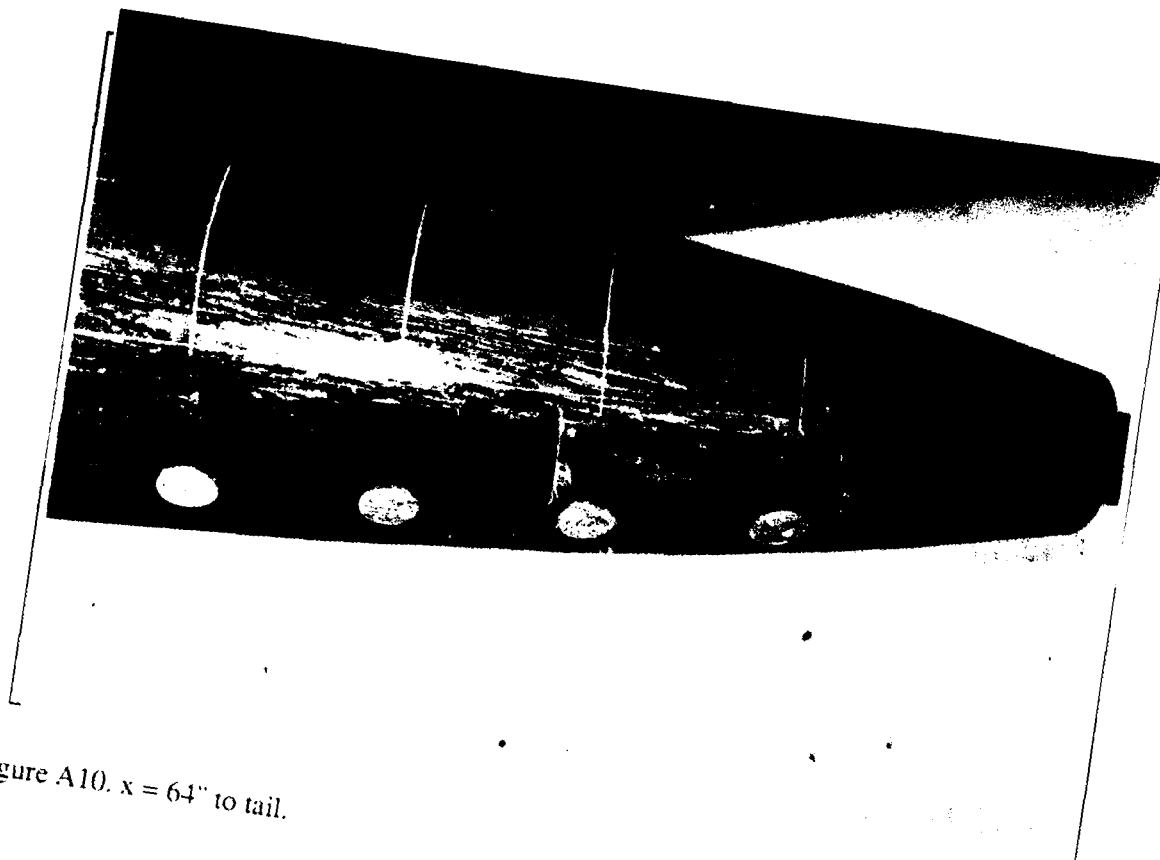


Figure A10.  $x = 64''$  to tail.

$\beta=15^\circ$ , Top of Submarine (with towed array housing).

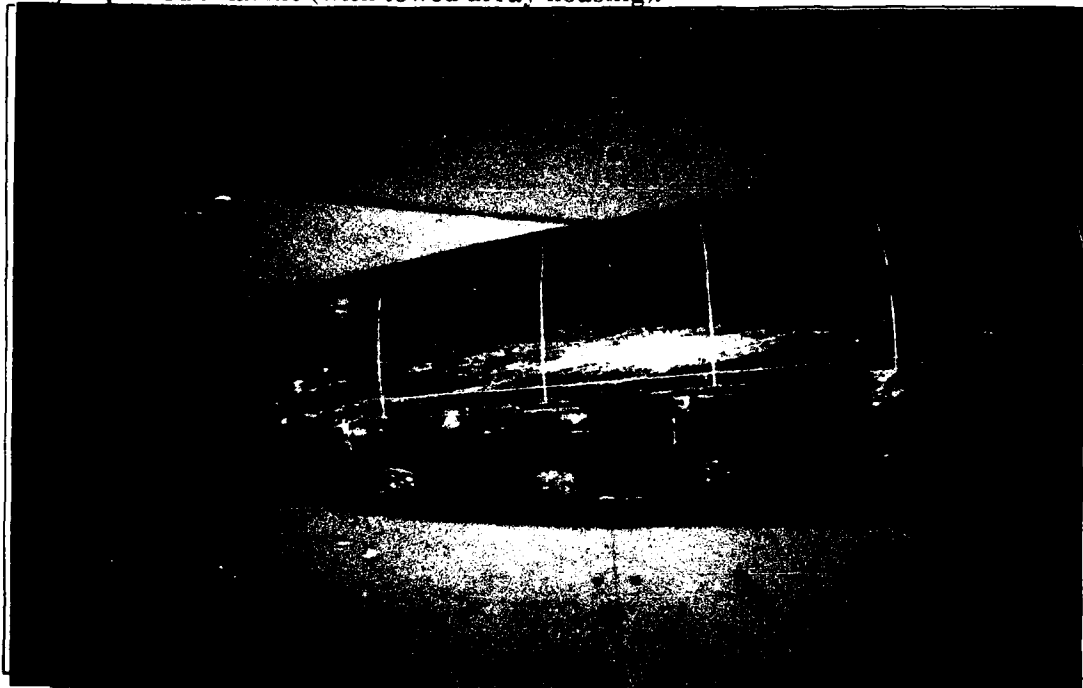


Figure A11.  $x = 60''$  to tail.

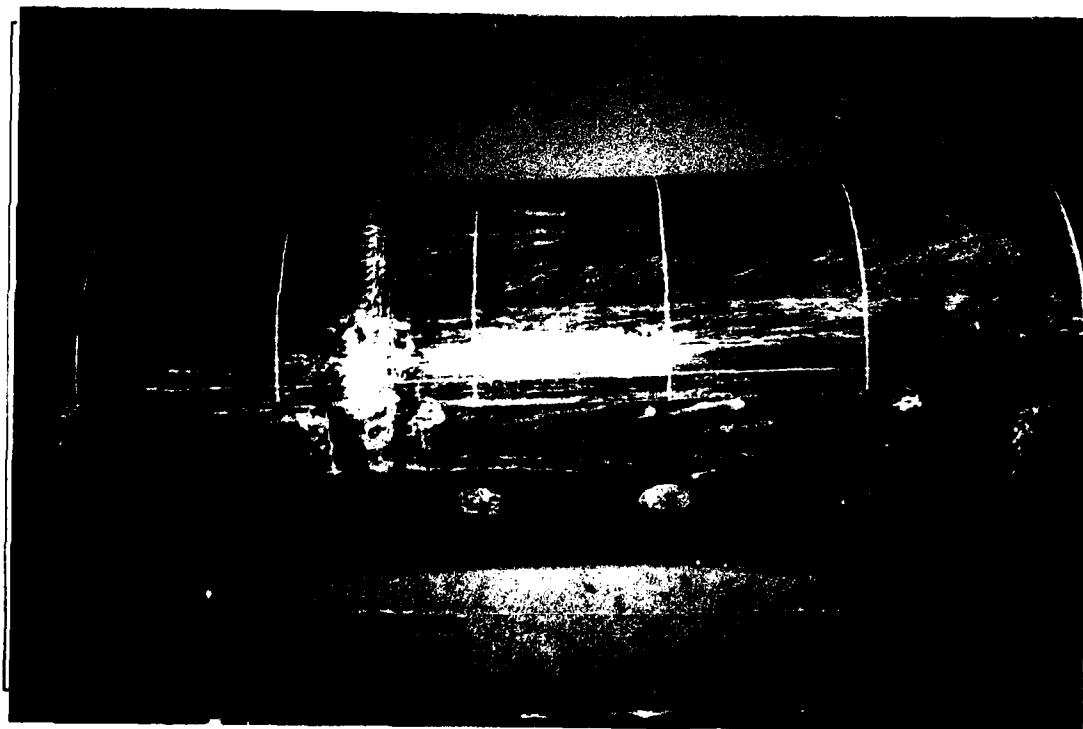


Figure A12.  $x =$  to  $x = 64''$ .

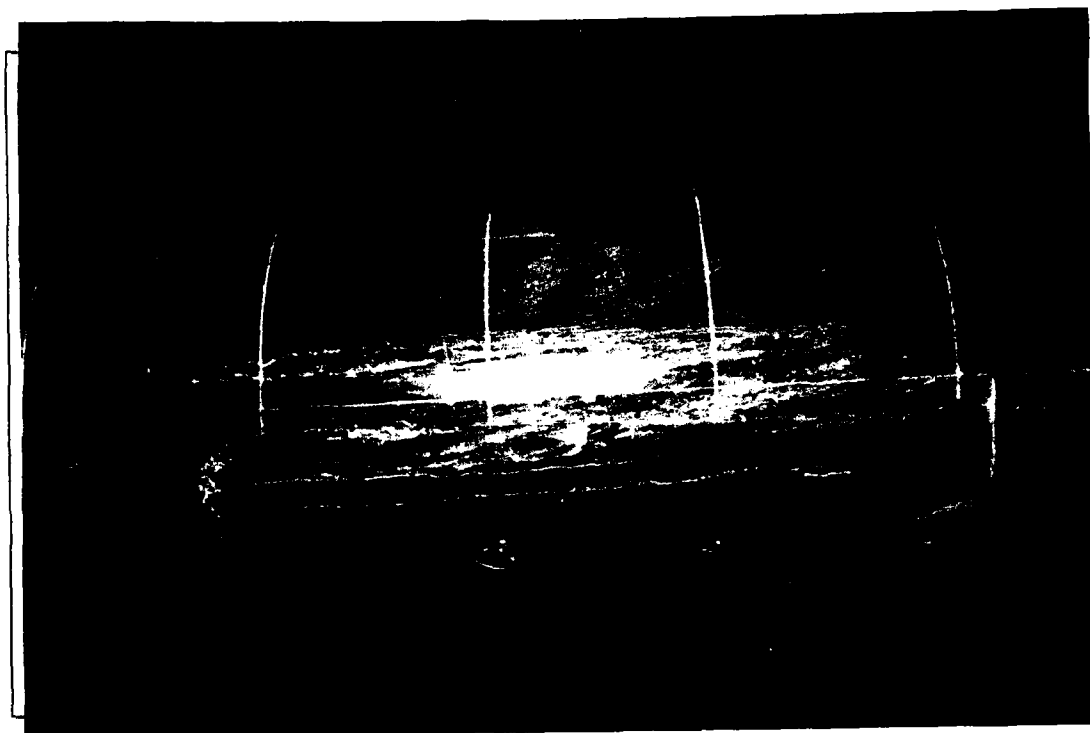


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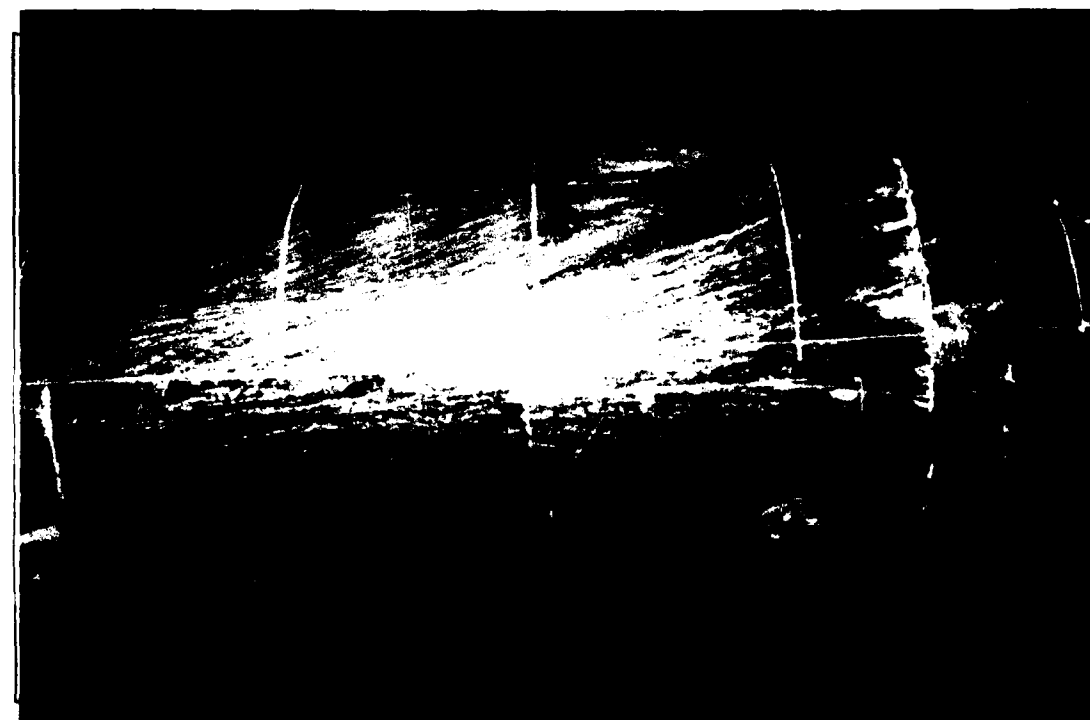


Figure A14.  $x = 16''$  to  $x = 32''$ .

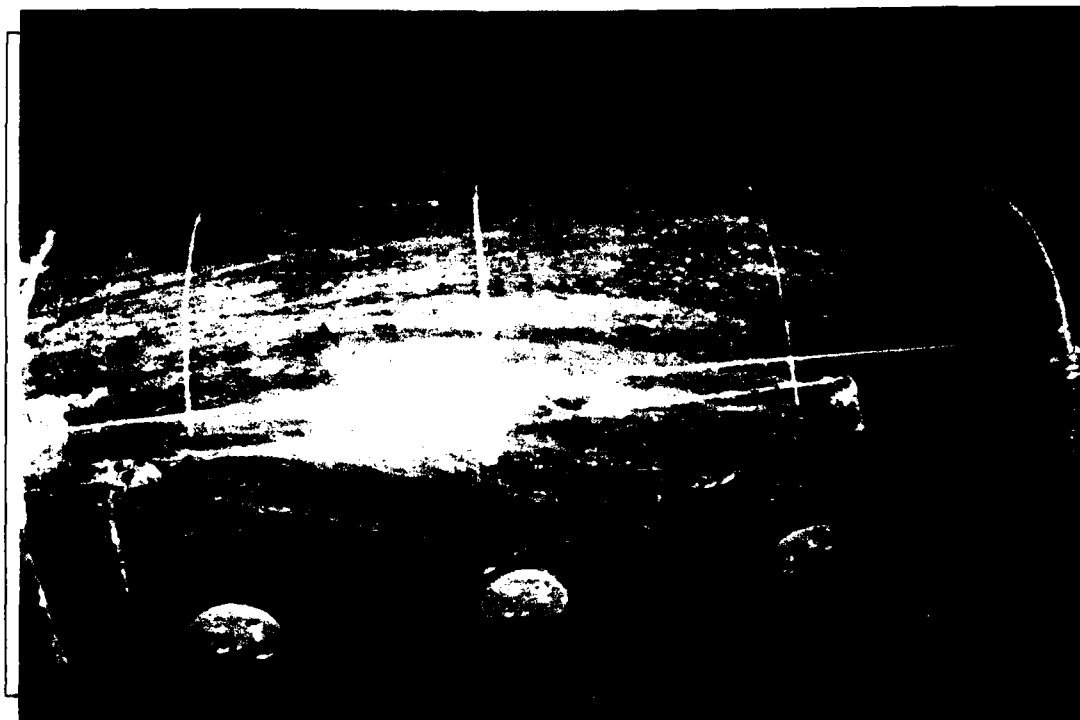


Figure A15.  $x = 4''$  to  $x = 16''$ .

$\beta=15^\circ$ , Bottom of Submarine.

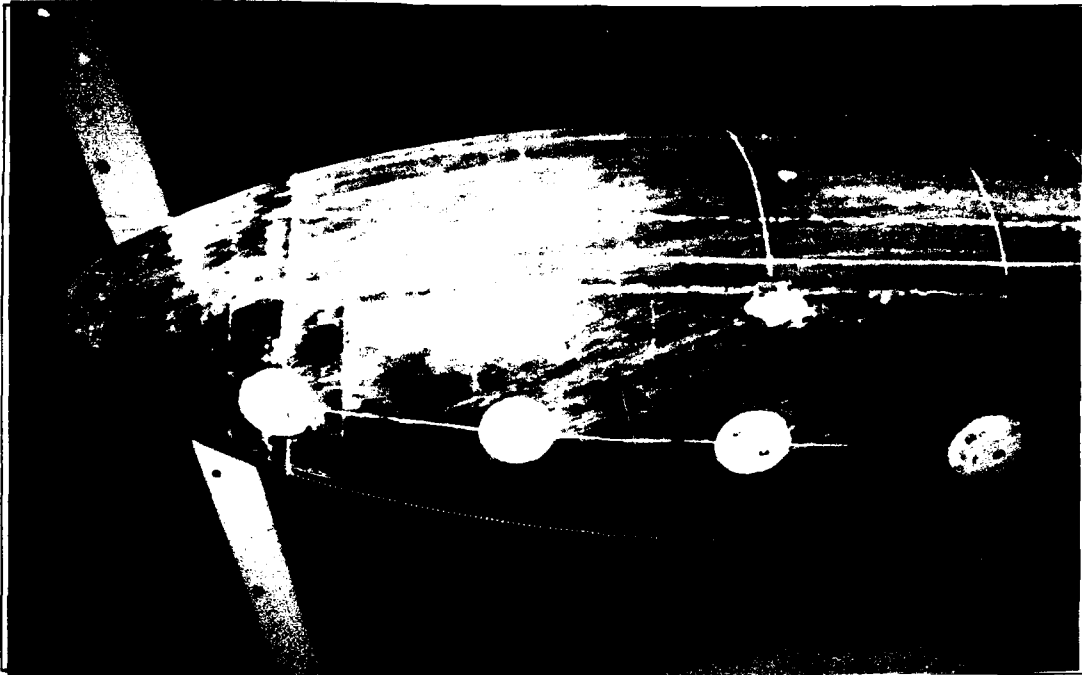


Figure A16.  $x = 0''$  to  $x = 16''$ .

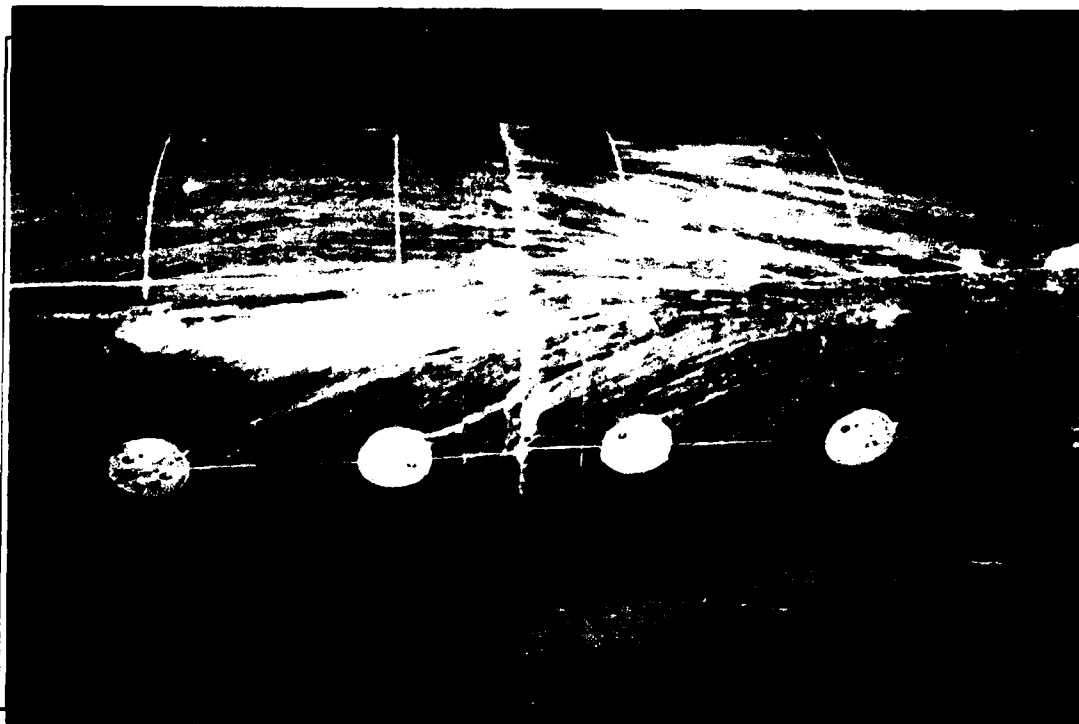


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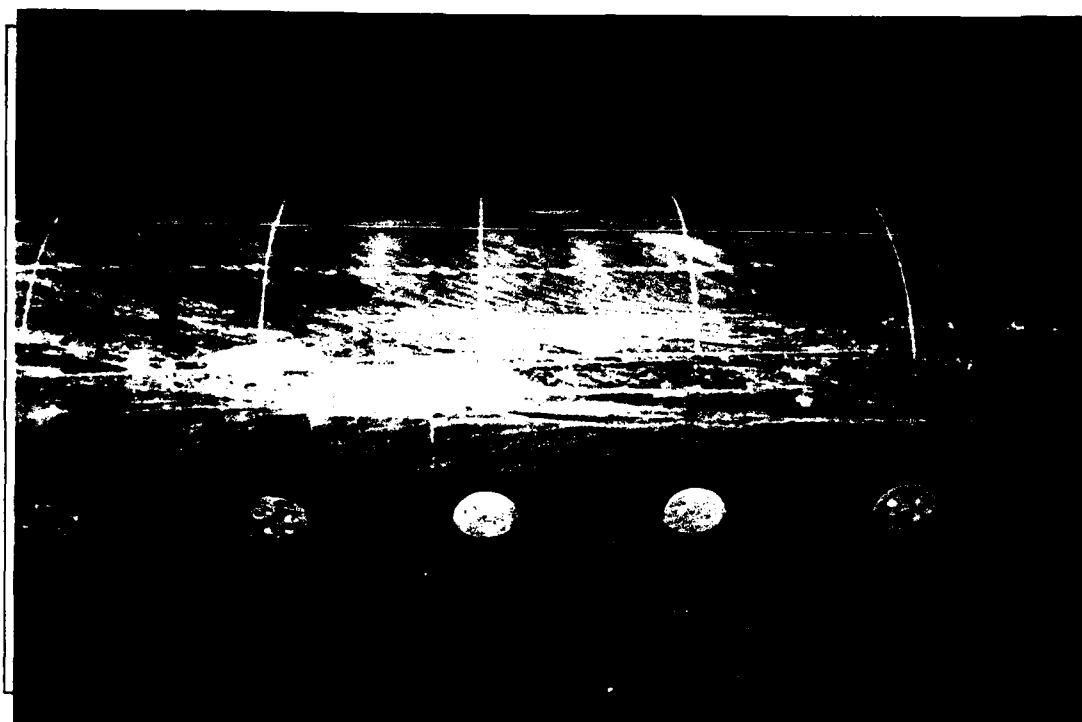


Figure A18.  $x = 24''$  to  $x = 44''$ .

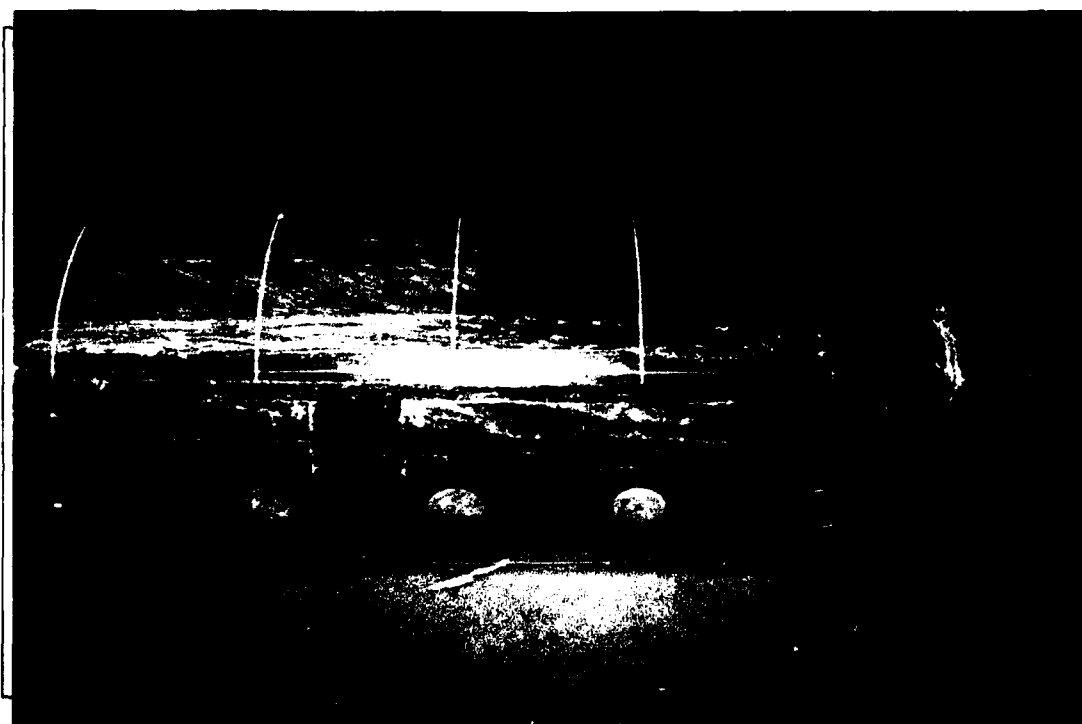


Figure A19.  $x = 40''$  to  $x = 60''$ .



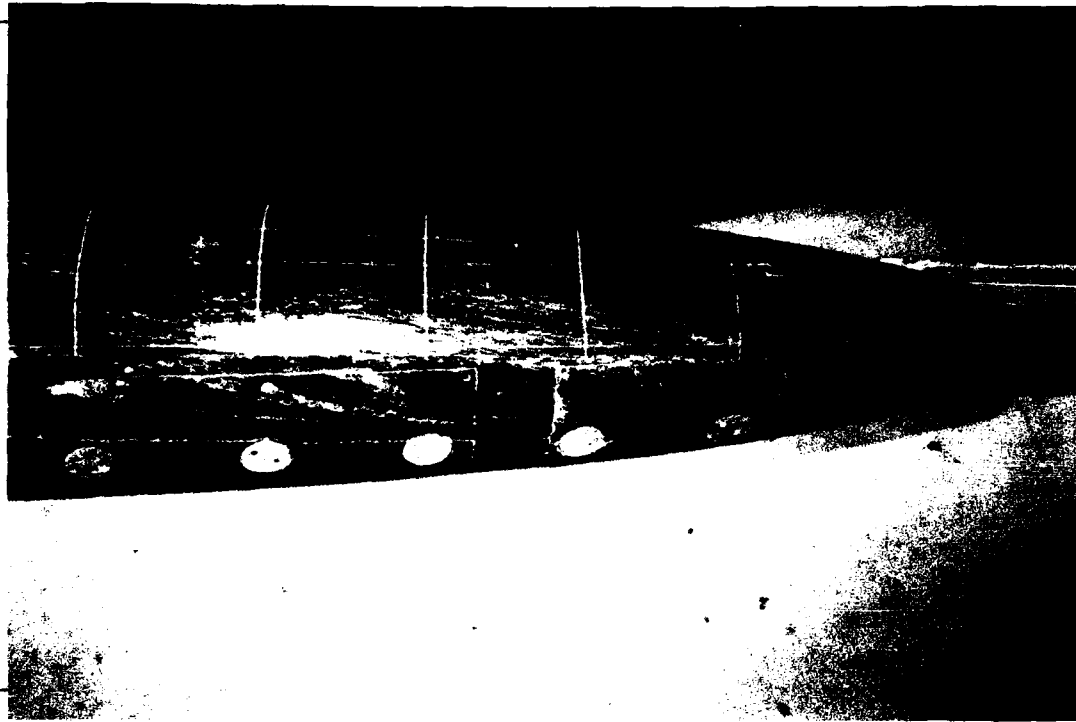


Figure A20.  $x = 60''$  to tail.

$\beta=10^\circ$ , Top of Submarine (with towed array housing).



Figure A21.  $x = 60''$  to tail.

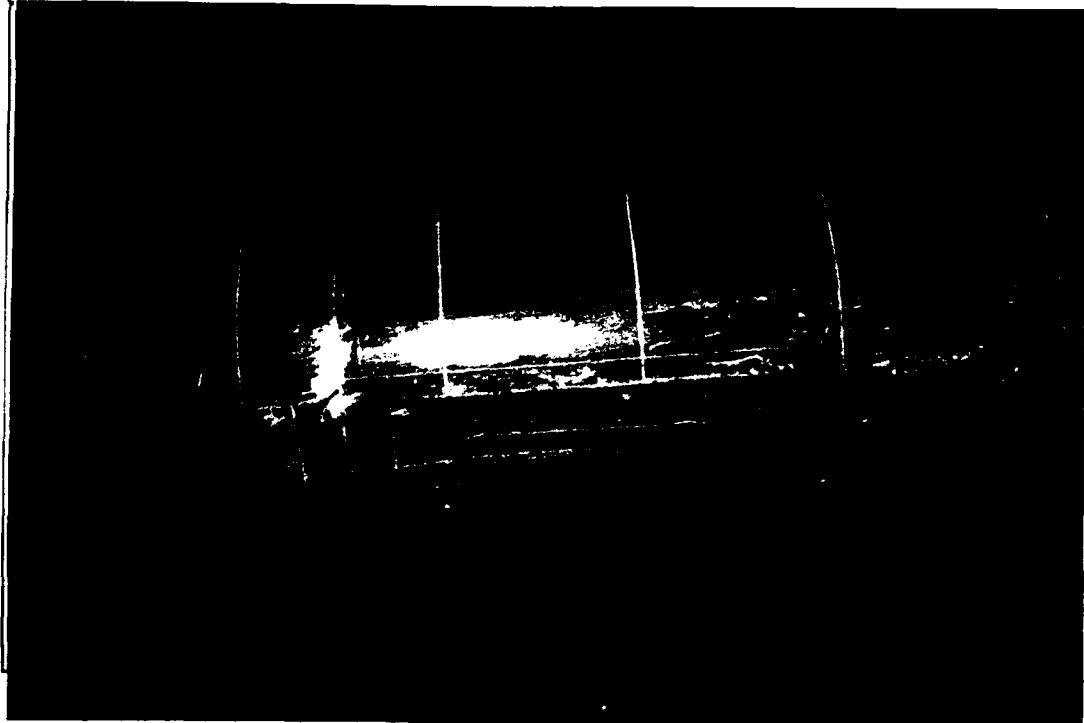


Figure A22.  $x = 44''$  to  $x = 64''$ .

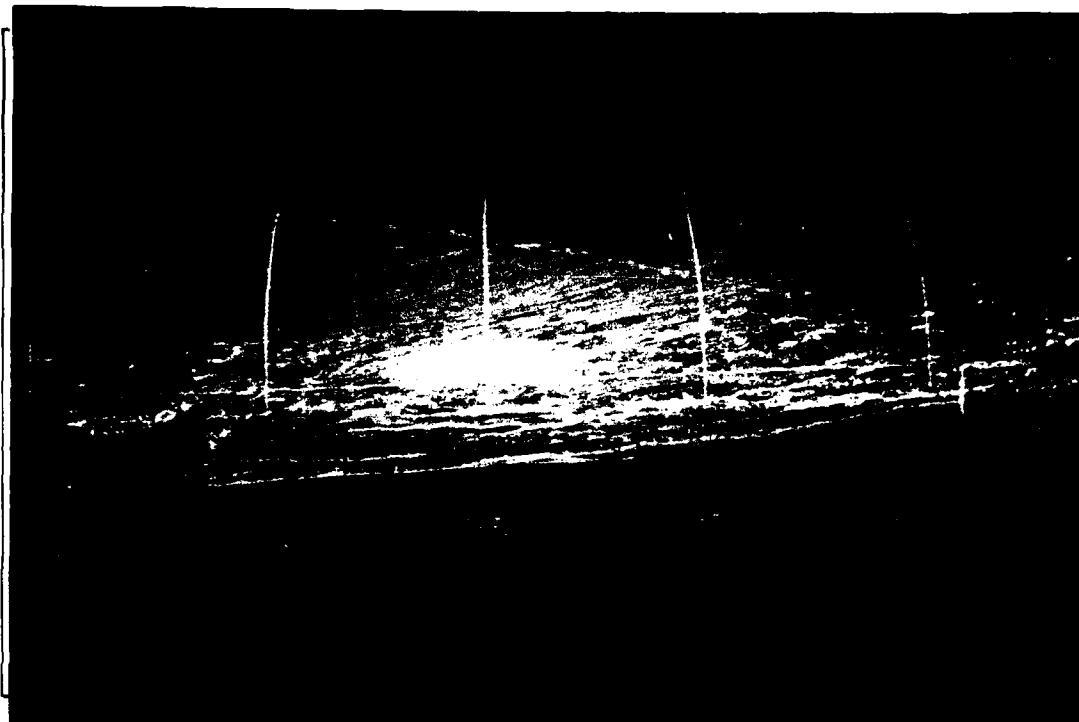


Figure A23.  $x = 32''$  to  $x = 48''$ .



Figure A24.  $x = 16''$  to  $x = 32''$ .

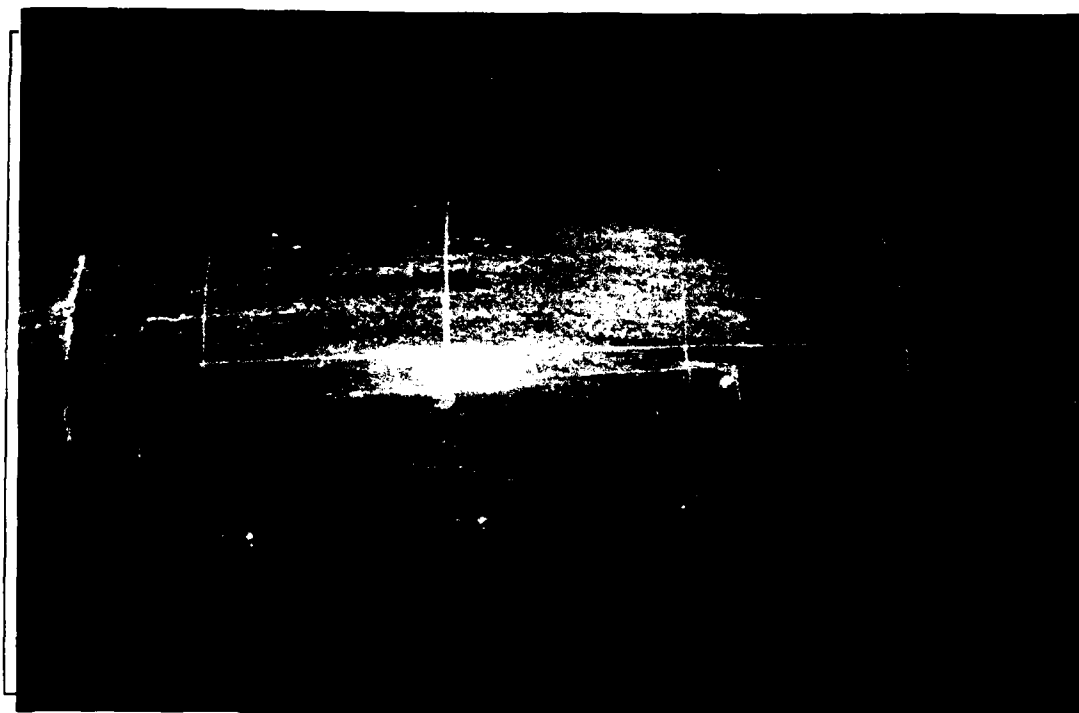


Figure A25.  $x \approx 0''$  to  $x = 16''$ .

$\beta=10^\circ$ , Bottom of Submarine.

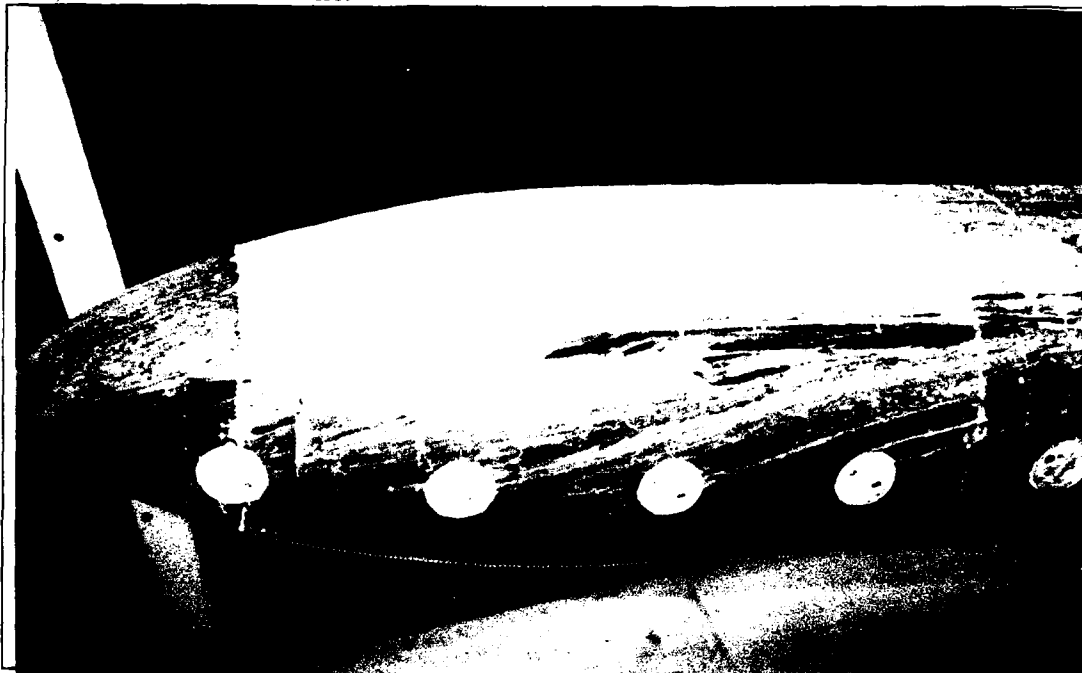


Figure A26.  $x = 0''$  to  $x = 20''$ .

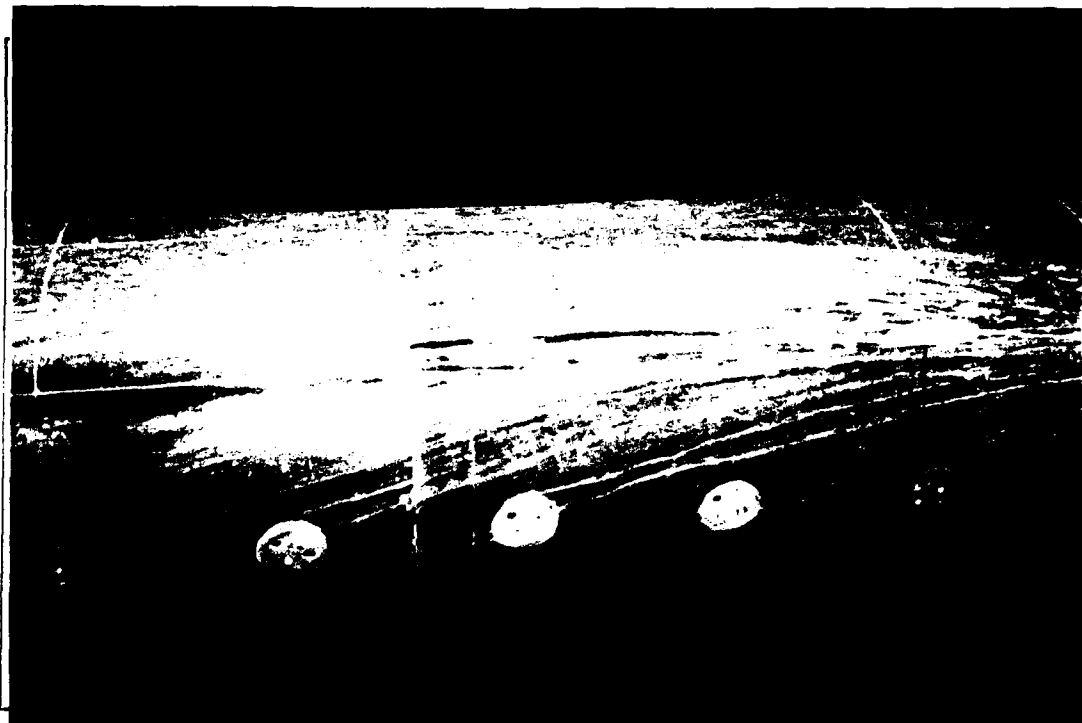


Figure A27.  $x = 14''$  to  $x = 32''$ .

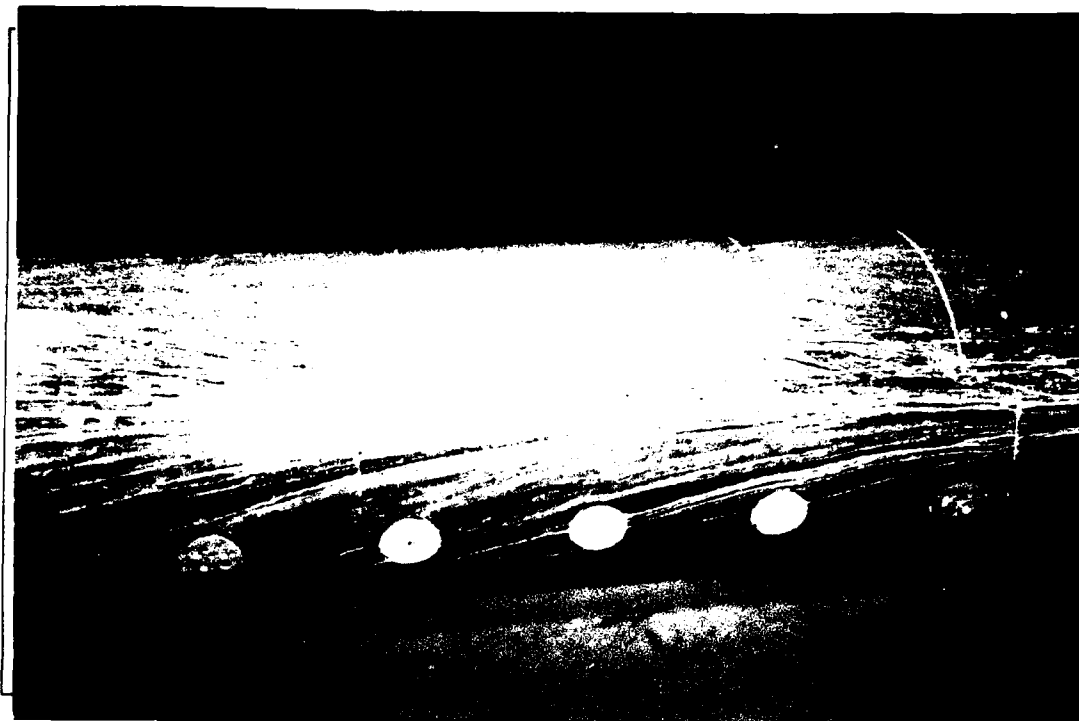


Figure A28.  $x = 28''$  to  $x = 48''$ .

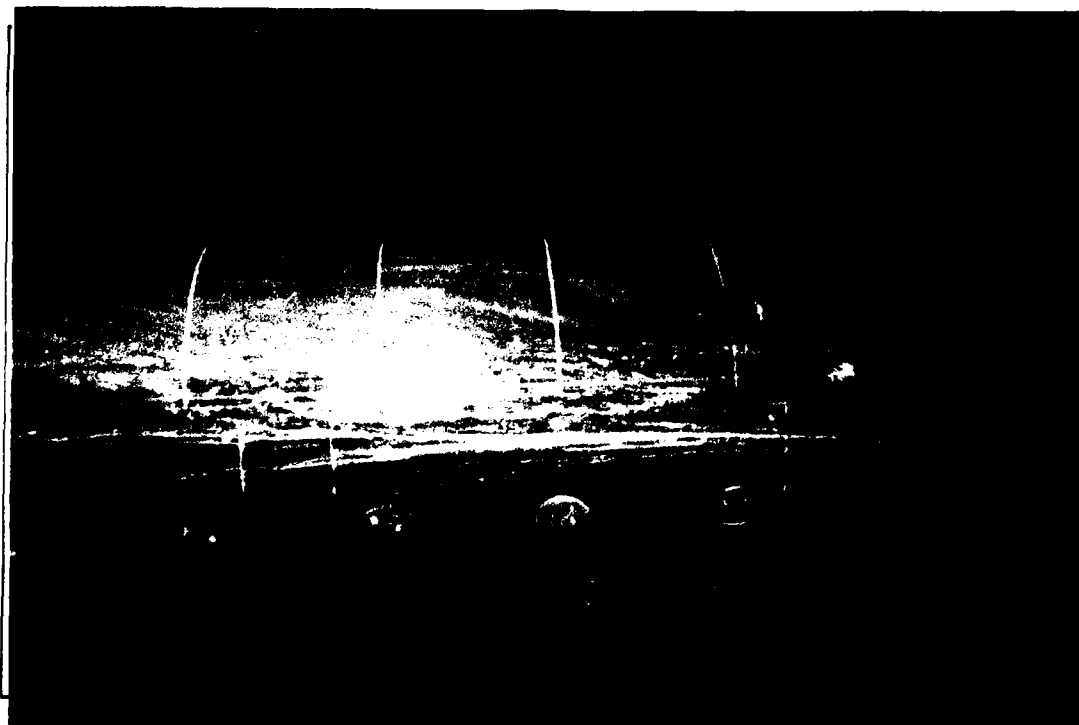


Figure A29.  $x = 44''$  to  $x = 64''$ .

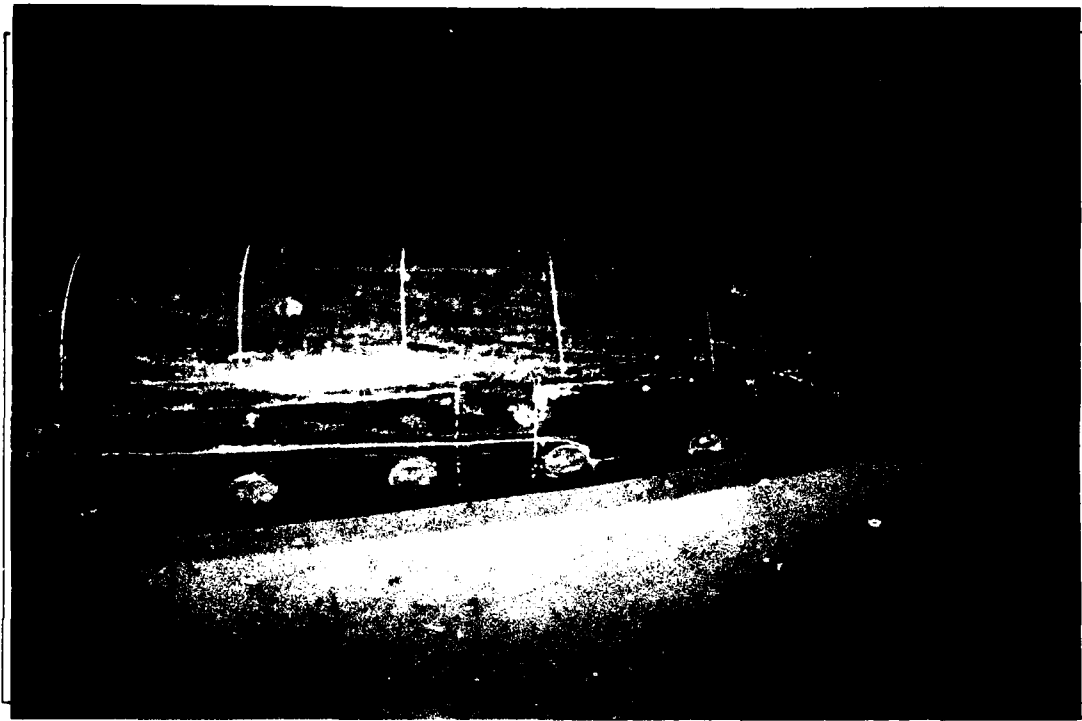


Figure A30.  $x = 60''$  to tail.

## Appendix II - Model Offsets

The following table presents the actual shape data of the Model 1. The model diameters are given for the model at stations every four inches.

Body Dimensions: Los Angeles Class 688 Submarine Model

x, in.	x/c	Dh, in.	Dv, in.	Dh/c	Dv/c
4.00	0.044	5.68	5.61	0.0629	0.0621
8.00	0.089	7.49	7.48	0.0829	0.0828
12.00	0.133	8.12	8.11	0.0900	0.0898
16.00	0.177	8.22	8.23	0.0910	0.0911
20.00	0.222	8.22	8.22	0.0911	0.0910
24.00	0.266	8.23	8.22	0.0911	0.0911
28.00	0.310	8.27	-	0.0916	-
32.00	0.355	8.25	8.23	0.0914	0.0911
36.00	0.399	8.23	8.21	0.0912	0.0910
40.00	0.443	8.22	8.22	0.0910	0.0910
44.00	0.488	8.21	8.21	0.0910	0.0910
48.00	0.532	8.22	8.24	0.0911	0.0913
52.00	0.576	8.22	8.24	0.0911	0.0913
56.00	0.621	8.33	8.24	0.0922	0.0913
60.00	0.665	8.20	8.20	0.0909	0.0909
64.00	0.709	8.00	8.03	0.0886	0.0889
68.00	0.754	7.57	7.57	0.0839	0.0839
72.00	0.798	7.07	7.09	0.0783	0.0786
76.00	0.842	6.15	6.13	0.0681	0.0679
80.00	0.886	4.87	4.90	0.0540	0.0543

Submarine Model: Nominally 90.25" long  
Nominally 8.25" wide and high

Towed Array Housing: Nominally 1.25" Wide  
Start at x = 11.8"  
End at x = 80.0"  
Each end is semicircular in top view, and blended into body

Sail: 1.67" wide  
4.29" high  
Leading edge at x = 24.6"  
Trailing edge at x = 33.1"

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### Appendix III - Tail Geometry

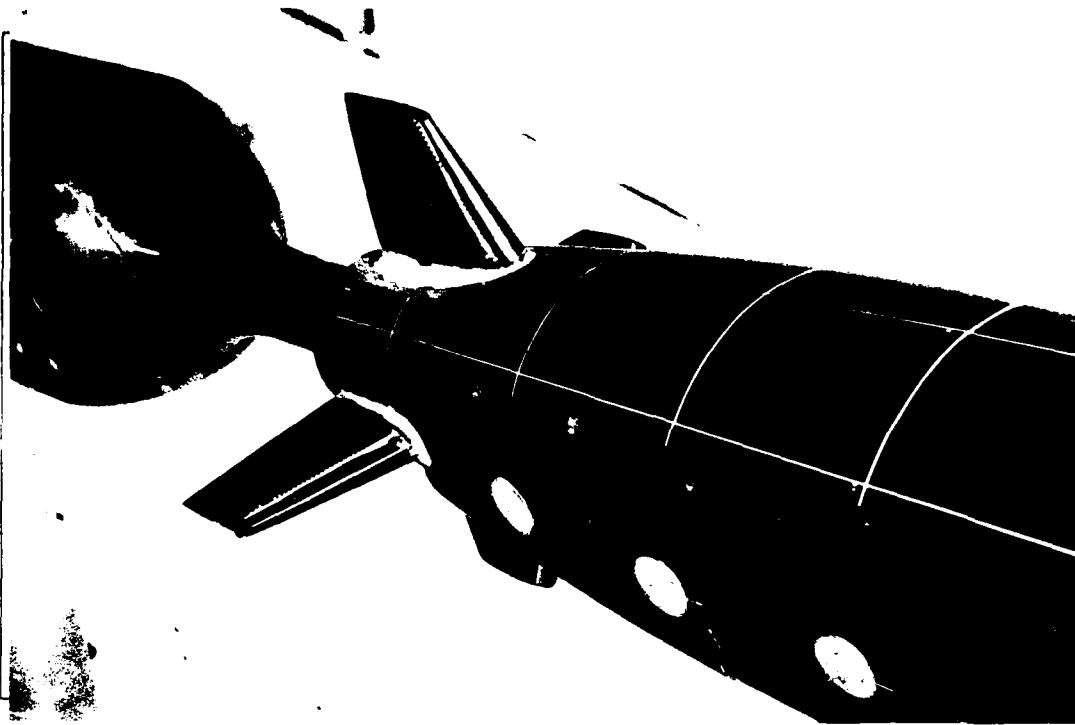
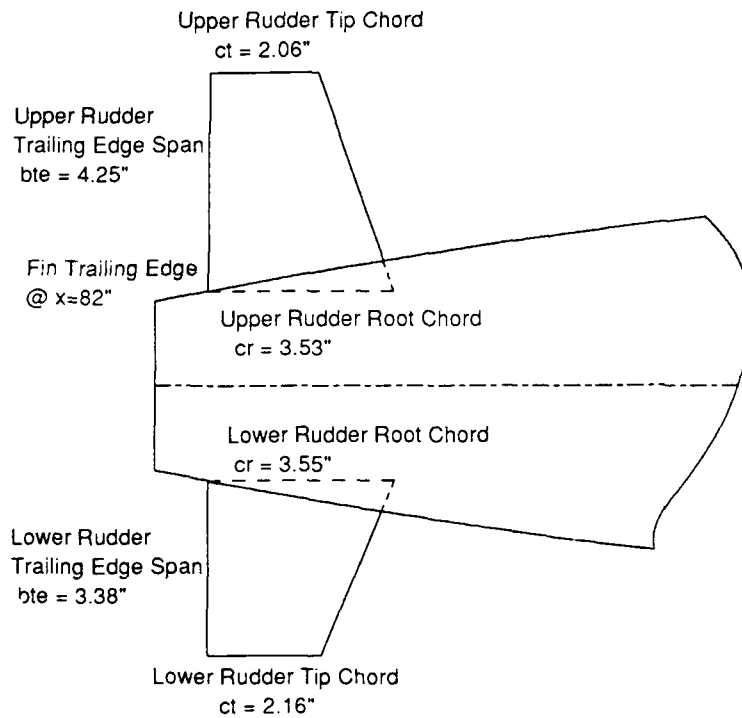


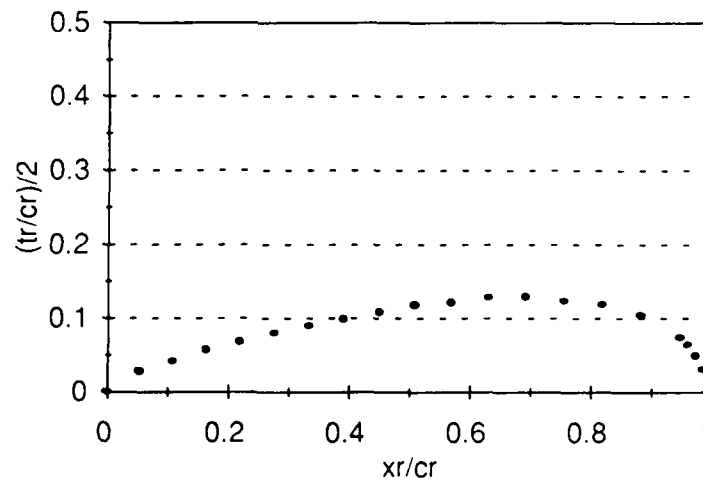
Figure A32. The trailing edge of all of the fins were placed at  $x=82"$ . They were aligned relative to the model centerline to within  $\pm 2^\circ$  and were fixed for all studies. Given below is data describing the fin geometry. Coordinates are listed in tables describing the root airfoil shape. Figures are also provided giving fin planform dimensions. The root airfoil shape and thickness is scaled linearly from root to tip.

## Vertical Fins



## Lower Rudder Root Chord Dimensions

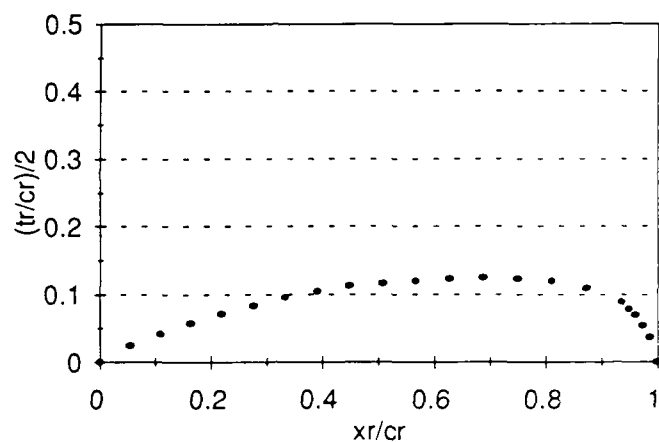
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0.000	0.000
0.054	0.028
0.108	0.042
0.163	0.056
0.219	0.068
0.275	0.080
0.333	0.089
0.391	0.098
0.449	0.108
0.509	0.117
0.569	0.121
0.630	0.128
0.692	0.129
0.754	0.123
0.818	0.118
0.882	0.104
0.947	0.074



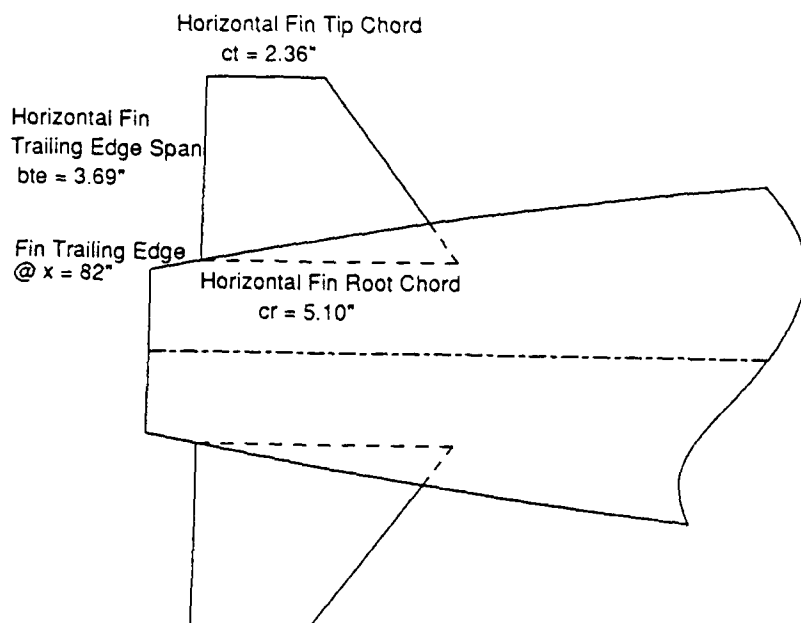
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0.974	0.049
0.987	0.031
1.000	0.000

Upper Rudder

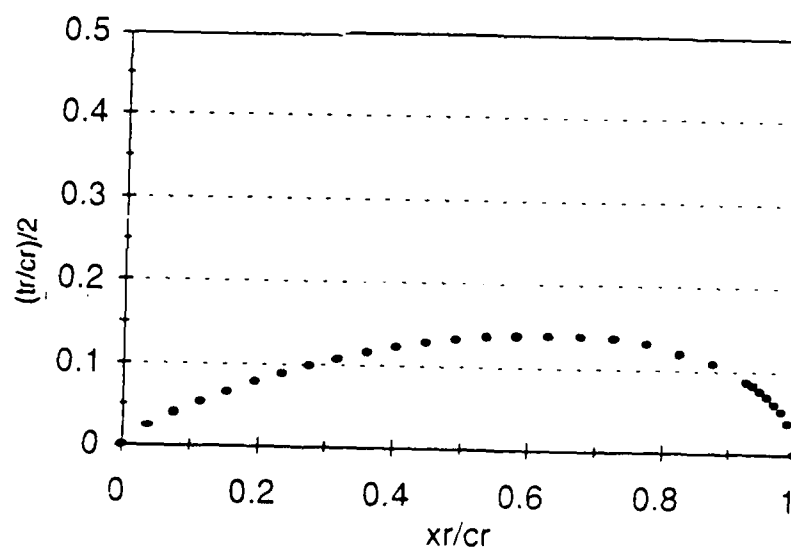
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0.054	0.025
0.109	0.042
0.164	0.057
0.220	0.071
0.276	0.083
0.333	0.095
0.391	0.104
0.449	0.113
0.508	0.117
0.567	0.120
0.627	0.124
0.687	0.124
0.749	0.122
0.811	0.120
0.873	0.108
0.936	0.088
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0.962	0.070
0.974	0.055
0.987	0.036
1.000	0.000



# Horizontal Fins

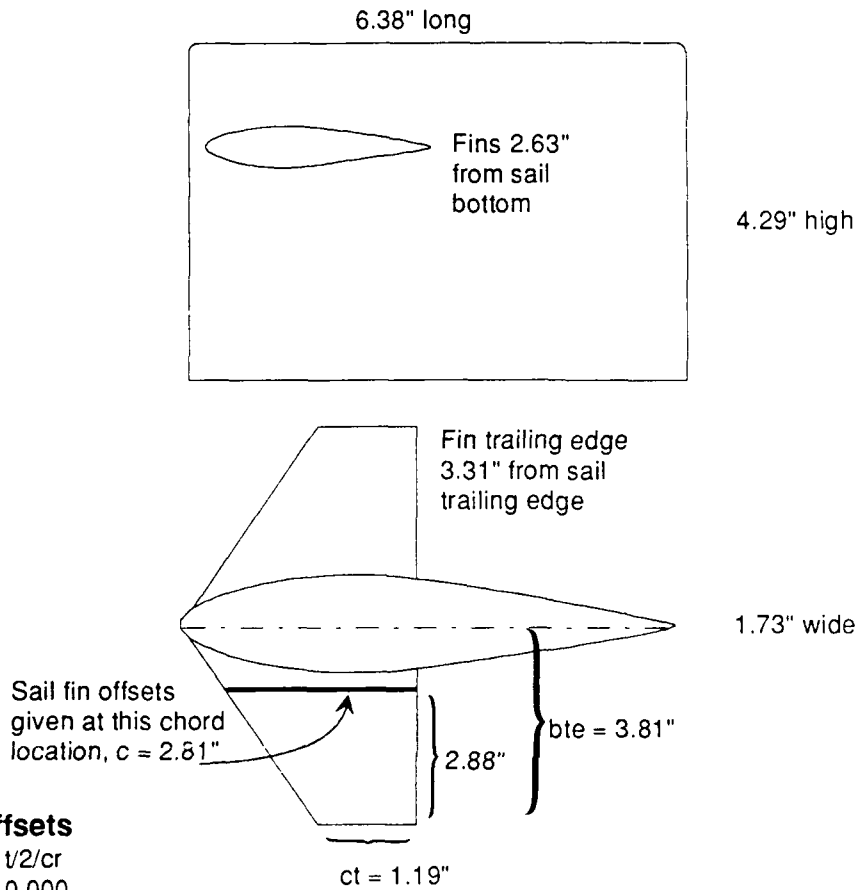


$xr/cr$	$tr/cr/2$
0.000	0.000
0.038	0.023
0.076	0.039
0.114	0.053
0.154	0.066
0.194	0.078
0.234	0.089
0.275	0.098
0.317	0.107
0.359	0.116
0.403	0.123
0.446	0.128
0.491	0.133
0.536	0.137
0.582	0.138
0.629	0.139
0.676	0.138
0.725	0.137
0.774	0.131
0.824	0.119
0.874	0.109
0.926	0.087



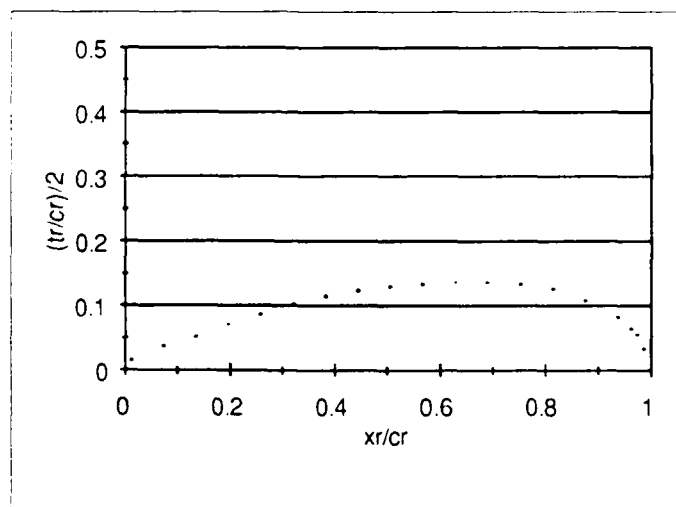
0.937	0.082
0.947	0.076
0.958	0.069
0.968	0.060
0.979	0.051
0.989	0.037
1.000	0.000

## Sail Geometry



### Sail Offsets

$x/cr$	$t/2/cr$
0.000	0.000
0.012	0.015
0.074	0.037
0.136	0.052
0.198	0.071
0.259	0.086
0.321	0.102
0.383	0.114
0.444	0.123
0.506	0.130
0.568	0.133
0.630	0.136
0.691	0.136
0.753	0.133
0.815	0.127
0.877	0.108
0.938	0.083
0.963	0.065
0.975	0.056
0.988	0.034
1.000	0.000



# Sail Fin Offsets

$x/c_r$	$t/2/c_r$
0.000	0.000
0.054	0.034
0.122	0.061
0.189	0.074
0.257	0.095
0.324	0.108
0.392	0.115
0.459	0.122
0.527	0.128
0.595	0.135
0.662	0.135
0.730	0.128
0.797	0.122
0.865	0.108
0.932	0.081
0.973	0.054
0.986	0.027
1.000	0.000

